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UNDERPASS BOOST FOR TOWN REVAMP

by Lisa Wright

WEST BROMWICH'S multi-million pound regeneration scheme will get a major boost on Monday when the new A41 underpass is opened.

This is the biggest part of a £25 million programme of construction to unlock West Bromwich for the massive multi-million regeneration scheme in the town centre that is already under way.

Sandwell mayor Councillor Keith Davies will officially open the underpass and lead traffic through it.

The underpass has been designed to speed up traffic flow along the dual carriageway which runs from junction one of the M5.

It will increase the capacity of the junction and mean better access to the redeveloped town centre, and reduce delays for through traffic.

The capacity of the junction will increase from 70,000 to 115,000 vehicles each day.

Determined

Sandwell cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ian Jones said: "This has been a massive project made all the more difficult by the fact that we have been determined to keep up to 70,000 vehicles a day flowing throughout the construction.

"I have nothing but praise for everyone concerned in this massive project. At times it has been a logistical nightmare, but they have kept everything moving."

Councillor Jones said the underpass would improve access to West Bromwich and help reduce delays and congestion. It would also help increase the reliability of the bus service.

"It will also improve pedestrian and cycle links into the town centre," he added.

Roads to be closed for park bonfire

RESTRICTIONS will be in place on more than 20 roads this weekend for Sandwell's major bonfire night event.

Closures will be in place between 5pm and 11pm during the event on Saturday at Dartmouth Park.

Many roads will be closed to vehicles except residents' pass holders, service and emergency vehicles, blue badge holders, and public service vehicles.

The roads affected are Church Vale from Dagger Lane to Hallam Street, Dagger Lane, Lloyd Street , Salters Lane at Dagger Lane to Lodge Hill Road, and Europa Avenue.

Arbor Court, Christina Court, Church Vale at All Saints Way to Parsonage Street, Devonshire Drive, Hallam Close, Hallam Drive, Kiniths Way, Kiniths Crescent and Little Lane from Hallam Street to Church Vale will also be closed.

Restrictions will also be in place at Lodge Hill Road, New Street North, Park Crescent, Slaithwaite Road, Meadows Road, Vale Street, Warstone Drive and Woodward Street.

Some 12,000 people are expected to be at the bonfire.

There will be a children's display at 7pm followed by the main display at 7.45pm. Admission is £6 for adults and £3 for children over five and over-60s. Visitors must not carry in fireworks including, sparklers or alcohol.

School is hit by TB scare

A STAFF member at Sandwell Academy, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, has been diagnosed with tuberculosis.

The Health Protection Agency and Sandwell Primary Care Trust were notified of the case and the worker is expected to make a full recovery.

Staff and students are being offered a blood test in line with national guidance and parents have been sent letters explaining the actions.

Tesco in free car parking promise

SHOPPERS will get free parking in the 1,900 parking spaces at the centre of the West Bromwich regeneration.

The spaces will serve customers for the giant Tesco Extra store, and major retailers, restaurants and the eight-screen Odeon cinema being built in the town.

Supermarket bosses have revealed there will be no charge to use the car park if customers spend a minimum amount in the store. That amount has not been set yet.

A Tesco spokesman said: "It will be free parking for up to three hours when customers spend an amount in store."

A string of major retailers have already committed to the development including Primark, Next, JD Sports, Bank, Nandos and Prezzo.

The scheme will eventually create 2,000 jobs and is expected to be open from summer 2013.

Nursery staff devastated by break-in

Lisa Checkley in the wrecked office with some of the empty collection tins

Early years leader Natalie Corbett looks through the window smashed in the raid

STAFF and children at a Tipton nursery were devastated after thieves broke in and ransacked the premises.

The raiders broke a window to get in to Tipton Toddlers, in Groveland Road, and left a trail of damage as they searched for valuables.

They got away with thousands of pounds worth of equipment and £750 in charity money.

Shocked staff at the nursery which has more than 100 children on its register, discovered the break-in when they turned up for work on Monday.

Spokeswoman Vicky Powell said: "It is just horrendous, and it is very upsetting. The place has been left a mess. They trashed the place and searched everywhere looking for items of value."

Charity

"It is very upsetting for the children."

The thieves stole two laptops, two PCs, a Playstation and a Wii console and games, a TV and CD player, children's cameras and a video recorder.

They also got away with £750 that the children had collected at a Mad Hatters tea party they held on Friday, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and Sandwell charity Murray Hall Community Trust.

Even the raffle prizes from the event were lost in the raid.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Catherine Hickman said the break-in was being investigated.

"Anyone who can help the police investigation should call Sandwell police on 101," she added.

Problems for a new hotspot as yobs move

YOBS who terrorised a Tipton estate for months are believed to have moved to a new hangout where they have been throwing bricks and shouting abuse.

Parts of the Lost City estate, including Coronation Road, were a hotspot for troublemakers before police obtained an order giving them power to move on gangs.

However, there has since been an increase in reports of trouble in North Road and officers believe the same youths could be responsible.

They are stepping up patrols and Sgt Steph Court said: "We think it could be the same offenders. It's a bit of a coincidence.

"We weren't getting any kids in North Road then we get this dispersal order and suddenly there are all these problems here.

"It's often the case that when you stop trouble in one place it moves somewhere else. We will work with the council to see what can be done. We're looking at getting some acceptable behaviour contracts, which could be used to ban troublemakers from the area, but it's all down to funding."

Problems in North Road include bricks being thrown at Pisces Fish Bar. Owner Major Singh said the yobs had even set paper on fire inside.

"Every day they have been making trouble," he said. "It's been going on the last four weeks. It's very scary."

Shops open for longer

SHOPPING hours at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre will be extended in the run-up to Christmas.

From Monday it will be open until 10pm on weekdays, 8pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays.

The Bullring in Birmingham will start its own late night hours from December 3, opening until 10pm on week days

It will also open until 8pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays.

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Improvement demand on teaching

A WEDNESBURY school has been told by inspectors that it requires improvement.

They visited Wood Green Junior School, and found the leadership and achievement of pupils needed to be improved.

The inspectors said they found there was not enough good teaching.

Following their last inspection, the inspectors rated the school satisfactory, but, under new rules, this grading has disappeared and it has now been replaced with a "requires improvement" verdict.

Insist

Inspector David Driscoll said there was not enough good teaching to ensure pupils make consistently good progress, and that teachers do not always demand enough from the most able pupils, especially in maths.

He also found they did not insist on consistently high standards of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Mr Driscoll also criticised the leaders and managers at the Hobs Road school and said that they are not quick enough to analyse data on pupils' progress to draw up an action plan to improve it.

He did praise the school for improving attendance and for the support the teachers gave to those with special educational needs.

Sandwell schools boss Councillor Bob Badham said: "I think there has been an improvement there but the inspectors are getting tougher now."

School staff praised for raising standards

STAFF have been praised by education watchdogs for raising pupils' achievement at a Smethwick school after being given a notice to improve earlier this year.

Ofsted rated Abbey Infant School's overall effectiveness as being inadequate and ordered it to improve following an inspection in January. But now after a monitoring visit at the start of last month, it has been told it is making good progress in addressing the issues for improvement and in raising pupils' achievement.

A report published after the inspection in January said the leadership and management of the school in Maurice Road was weak, while the achievement.

Behaviour of pupils and quality of teaching was rated as satisfactory.

Levels of education were rated acceptable, but inspector David Shears issued a notice to improve. He said there was "insufficient evidence that the school has the capacity to improve because the school's development plan is inadequate".

But following a visit on October 2, inspector Jeremy Spencer praised the work being done by the school.

Special

Since the last inspection the deputy headteacher has left and a new one has been appointed. A new chair of the governing body has also been elected

Mr Spencer said: "Pupils are making better progress due to improvements in the quality of teaching, driven and underpinned by some significant improvements made to the quality of leadership and management.

"Pupils supported through the pupil premium, disabled pupils, those who have special educational needs, and those who speak English as an additional language, are making improved progress and closing the gaps between themselves and other pupils. This is because their progress is tracked more carefully, and activities and interventions better meet their needs."

Fears over bonfire at boat rally

THE 21st annual bonfire boat rally, run by The Birmingham Canal Navigation Society, will be on Saturday.

The society runs the event with the help of its volunteer members at Smethwick Galton Valley.

It has been organised by Barrie Johnson with his wife Eileen for 21 years. Its popularity has grown over the years, with 76 boats attending in 2011.

The event is the last boating event of the year on the Birmingham Canal Network and is always held on the first weekend in November.

But organisers have warned waning support from sponsors means this could be the last year the event takes place. The bonfire will be lit at 7.30pm.

Sudden death

A 53-YEAR-OLD West Bromwich man died suddenly in Poland of a rare condition that kills fewer than 500 a year. Unemployed Tadeusz Danielewicz, of Constance Avenue, died of sudden adult death syndrome, an inquest at Smethwick Council House heard. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recored a verdict of natural causes.

Look Who's at library event

Cole Hardy, aged seven, hugs a Dalek at Thimblemill Library in Bearwood

DR WHO'S nemesis the Dalek dropped into a library to entertain youngsters as part of half-term activities.

More than 120 children descended on Thimblemill Library in Bearwood to meet the alien, and enjoy a question and answer session with him.

The Dalek was quizzed and answered probing questions from the children who ranged in age from two to 15 and posed for photographs. Library supervisor Julie McKirdy said: "The children and the adults thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Many of them were very keen Dr Who fans so had lots of questions to ask the Dalek.

"They were all very impressed with his responses and I was told he was very realistic.

"What was great was that the event did not only entertain the children but parents and grandparents also commented on how much fun it was."

Row over dog bin 'always left full'

COMPLAINTS have been made about a dog waste bin in Rowley Regis that residents say is constantly full to overflowing.

The bin at the junction of Cross Street and Heath Street is one of a limited number in the area and, according to residents, had not been emptied for more than two weeks.

Residents say they have repeatedly asked Sandwell Council to increase the number of bins in the area or empty it more regularly.

Retired grandfather-of-one Barry Oakley, who lives in Peckover Close, said he regularly drove to the bin to offload the dog dirt from his two springer spaniels.

But the 64-year-old said it was always full.

"Having phoned and emailed on countless occasions to inform Sandwell Council about their inept service of keeping our streets clean with litter and dog bins left unemptied for weeks at a time, I have now come to the conclusion that whenever you inform them of a situation, you just get apologies and they just forget about it," he said.

Councillor Ian Jones, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said they would step up collections if necessary.

"It is emptied on a weekly basis so we will now monitor it and increase the frequency it is emptied if needed," he said.

Price tag for offices sale

SELLING three neighbourhood offices that were used by Sandwell Council tenants to pay rent and taxes could make the authority more than £640,000. The council is selling former housing offices in Great Bridge, Stone Cross and Cradley Heath, West Bromwich.

They were among 11 closed as part of a £6.6 million savings drive by Sandwell Homes, which manages the borough's 30,000 council houses. Now the asking prices have been revealed for three offices.

More than £140,000 is wanted for the Great Bridge office, Sheepwash Lane, £300,000 for the Stone Cross office, Clifton Lane, and £200,00 for St Anne's Road site, Cradley Heath.

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Garage in ram-raid drama is reopened

ASDA Tipton's petrol station has reopened – more than six months after ram-raiders caused £50,000 worth of damage to the site.

Sandwell mayor Keith Davies and mayoress Pat Davies cut a ribbon to mark the relaunch on Wednesday.

Thieves left a scene of devastation after breaking into the Wednesbury Oak Road petrol station in March.

The thieves used a stolen Mitsubishi Shogun to reverse into the kiosk in the early hours of the morning. The vehicle had been stolen from Dudley earlier that day.

A tanker driver, who was going to restock the petrol reserves, saw the men and called police.

The petrol station safe became buried in the rubble and despite their best efforts to retrieve it, the men got away on foot empty-handed before police arrived.

After the raid the petrol station kiosk was left structurally unsafe and had to be demolished. Work to rebuild it began in August.

The revamped petrol station replaces the former drive-through station with six pay-at-pump machines.

Fence to protect park tree

FENCING has been put up to protect a damaged tree at Warley Woods in Smethwick.

Six trees have also been damaged at Lightwoods Park and one theory is that dogs being trained to fight are responsible.

Police are also investigating damage to trees in Promenade Gardens in Bloxwich.

Warley Woods Trust manager Viv Cole said: "One of the damaged trees – a chestnut – had been given to us as a gift."

Some people believe the damage has been caused by dog owners encouraging pets to attack trees to strengthen their jaws. Sandwell Council and police have dismissed the idea.

Swing seats in Warley Woods were replaced earlier this year and Ms Cole said dogs were seen being made to dangle from them to strengthen their jaws.

Vandals attack sculpture in town centre

A SCULPTURE that has stood in West Bromwich town centre for 22 years has been attacked by vandals.

The statue, called I Am the King of the Castle, was based outside Queen's Square Shopping Centre in High Street.

It was due to be moved to make way for £8.2 million improvements to the town centre.

But the vandal attack has forced council bosses to take it down ahead of schedule.

The statue was rocked from its plinth by vandals, leaving it unsteady. The sculpture depicts a lion on top of a castle which in turn stands on the back of an elephant.

As part of the £8.2m European Regional Development Fund public realm project, it is due to be cleaned, put on a new plinth and moved to its new home in Dartmouth Park.

The Friends of Dartmouth Park group has been offered the statue, designed by sculptor Laura Ford, by Sandwell Council.

The Ford sculpture is one of two that will need to be moved because of the revamp of the town centre.

The other is The Cross in Hand sculpture, which will be repositioned outside the Wesleyan Methodist church on High Street.

The I Am the King of the Castle statue will be put in the park's new sensory garden.

Friends of Dartmouth Park spokesman Carol Hartill said: "Sculptor, Laura Ford, intended her design to be a humorous heraldic representation of Britain's imperial past.

Storage

"It was going to be situated close to Kings Square, Queens Square, Princess Parade and Duchess Parade.

"The Friends are grateful to Sandwell Council for donating the sculpture, which will be a wonderful tactile addition to the sensory garden."

The statue will remain in storage until it moves to its new home.

Laura Ford, from Wales, has exhibited her work at the British Art Show and has represented Wales at Venice Biennale.

She is recognised internationally as one of the UK's leading sculptors and is included in important museum collections worldwide, including the Tate Gallery in London.

The King of the Castle statue

£5m temple annexe opens after 10-year development

THESE are the spectacular images of the inside of completed £5 million extension to a Sikh temple in Smethwick which was opened to the public last Friday.

The construction firm handed back the keys of the Guru Nanak Gurdwara to temple leaders at a special ceremony last Tuesday after completing the development in just 18 months.

The huge extension took 10 years to plan, fund raise for and construct.

On the ground floor of the annexe there is a new kitchen and a dining hall, which has a capacity for 500 people.

On the first floor there is a multi function banqueting hall to cater for wedding receptions and other events with a capacity for 600 people.

The second floor has several classrooms, meeting rooms, a library, an 80-seat lecture theatre and a bistro type cafe area.

Controlled

A large full-height glass atrium foyer area has also been built to connect the Community Annexe to the Gurdwara building.

The annex has had a state of the art lighting system installed which includes predominantly LED lighting which is sensor controlled. The construction workers have also fitted a 25,000 litre tank to collect rainwater for flushing toilets.

An under-floor heating system has also been installed on the ground floor and a fully computerised building management system will ensure that all services can be monitored and operated in the most energy efficient way.

Mr Joginder Singh Bahia, chairman of the Trustees of Guru Nanak Gurdwara said: "The Community Annexe took several years to plan and fundraise for and now we will see the fruits of all that hard work by the community."

Mrs Tejinder Kaur Mann, treasurer of Guru Nanak Gurdwara said: "This is a landmark building for Smethwick and for the Sikh community for its design, its uses and its energy efficiency and we are immensely proud of this achievement."

Guru Nanak Gurdware trustee Gurinder Singh Josan views the huge community hall

The light and airy staircase in the annexe

Paul Clarke and Alan Simms, from Thomas Vale builders, hand over the key to president Chuhar Singh and trustee Joginder Singh Bahia at the temple

The new wing at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara temple, Smethwick, can be seen to the left of the original building on the site of the former Princes Cinema

NEWS in brief

Action call after junction crash

ANGRY residents are calling for action after another crash at a West Bromwich accident blackspot.

A man and a child suffered minor injuries during a three car smash at the junction of Lyndon and All Saints Way last week.

Residents said it was the latest in a series of accidents at the junction.

They want extra traffic lights fitted down in All Saints Way and a crash barrier further up the road. They have also suggested making Lyndon a one way street.

Park set to host fireworks show

A SMETHWICK park's friends group will host a free fireworks show for residents to enjoy on November 8.

The Friends of Victoria Park have organised the event, which will take place at the park itself.

The event opens at 5.30pm and includes a switch-on of the Christmas and Diwali lights at 6.30pm, with the main firework display starting at 7.15pm.

Free Radio will also be on stage along with Pat Collins Fun Fair and food stalls.

Hypnosis help to lose weight

HYPNOTHERAPIST Jason Lewis is organising a series of events to help people lose weight without dieting.

It starts on November 17 at 2pm at Bleakhouse Library in Oldbury.

Booking is essential for the event, and tickets cost £20.

For more details people can contact Minds Over Matters Hypnotherapy on 07961 511333.

Museum's craft show invitation

PEOPLE can kick off preparations for the festive season with a craft event at Oak House Museum in West Bromwich.

Oak House Christmas takes place on November 30 from 3.30pm-7pm. Entrance to the Oak Road-based attraction is free.

Date set for fair

A CHARITY Christmas fair is to take place at the OSCAR Sandwell Centre in Lodge Road, West Bromwich, at 11am on December 8 .

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AS the US elections approach, the master of one-liners Milton Jones explained on Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (Radio 4) how close his own father came to being President of the United States. He was an undertaker on an army base. A barrack embalmer.

A READER writes: "I have a door stopper. Could it be Wedgwood?"

MORE strangely-modern lines from Downton Abbey (ITV) where Ethel the maid says: "I'll give it a go" and Matthew declares: "I've been on a steep learning curve." Coming next: on being released from prison, Mr Bates says: "Freedom, like it's wicked, innit?"

THE organiser of a bonfire party next to a pile-up on the M5 had been charged with seven counts of manslaughter. I wonder how many November 5 bonfire organisers have resigned since this story broke a few days ago.

OUR recent correspondence about people's attitudes towards folk in wheelchairs reminded me of Ron Burns of Tipton. He was an amputee diabetic with heart trouble yet he was one of the funniest natural comedians I've ever met. He died in 1999 and in the final months of his life he was forced to use a wheelchair. He noted that when he sat in it he was just 4ft 2ins tall, which inspired his bitter little poem about meeting someone he knew perfectly well but who failed to recognise him. It began: "We met this man in Bilston / Well, my daughter did./ He didn't recognise me; / They never do when you're four feet two." I dare say plenty of people in wheelchairs know the feeling.

THIS may save you a trip to the police station. A reader who was sent a copy of the Chinese-inheritance scam, featured in this column recently, took it to his local nick where the officers referred him to the website Actionfraud.Police.UK . He tells me that after filling out the Actionfraud report form, he was advised to contact his local police station, which is precisely what he had done.

I WON'T be voting in the November 15 elections for police commissioners because I don't see how scrapping a committee and replacing it with one person improves democracy. Seems I'm in good company. The former Metropolitan Police chief Lord Ian Blair declares: "I've never said this before but I actually hope people don't vote because that is the only way we are going to stop this." Could these be the first elections in Britain when it is our civic duty not to vote?

ONE reader speaks for many about police commissioners: "Has it not occurred to anyone that one person is very much easier to corrupt than a body of people?"

MY PARENTS spent their honeymoon in the Yorkshire Dales, 10 miles from their home. My wife and I spent our honeymoon in Glastonbury, 100 miles from our home. My daughter and her husband are currently on honeymoon in a rain forest in Mexico. Makes you wonder where their children will honeymoon. Mars?

AND now, a sneak preview from the television schedules for this time next year, October 2013: Newsnight asks whether significant facts were overlooked in Panorama's investigation into the Guardian investigation into the Daily Mail investigation into the Blue Peter investigation into the One Show investigation into the Panorama investigation into the Newsnight investigation of the Jimmy Savile scandal. In-depth analysis by Zippy from Rainbow.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Tip-off ended gang's luxury lifestyle

THEY lived a life of luxury, driving fast cars and splashing their cash on penthouse apartments, while all the time raking in thousands from the drugs factories hidden away in residential streets in the Black Country.

The 29-strong drugs ring set up cannabis factories in the heart of the community, in among homes lived in by families and hard working people. The gang had four houses in Smethwick – in Sabell Road, Cemetery Road, Pottery Road and Narel Sharpe Close. They also had properties in Russell Close, Tipton, and in Tenterfields, Halesowen. And they worked from properties in Edgbaston and had a unit on the Lye Valley Industrial Estate, Lye.

While some members of the gang looked after the plants and stored the cannabis in residential houses, the rest enjoyed a life of luxury, driving their Mercedes and BMW cars, and living in luxury city centre apartments in the Britannia Apartments Moseley, and in the Beetham Tower, above the Raddison Hotel in Birmingham. Many of the drug gang – 25 of whom admitted drug offences, with four found guilty after trials – were illegal immigrants and will be deported following their sentences.

Det Sgt Jamie Mason, said: "It was a community tip-off that set the ball rolling to dismantle this drug ring. If anyone has any concerns about suspicious behaviour in their community, then I'd urge them to contact police.

"No-one should accept living with drug production or dealing on their doorstep."

Seventy years jail for home-rent drug cartel

A VIETNAMESE drug gang who grew and stored cannabis in units across the Black Country worth millions of pounds have been jailed for a total of 70 years.

The group used fake IDs and falsified bank statements to rent homes and industrial units in Smethwick, Tipton, Sandwell, Edgbaston, Halesowen and Nottingham.

The units were kitted out with hydroponics set-ups to heat, ventilate and water the plants while others were used as storage facilities to hold harvested cannabis before being sold to dealers.

The leaders of the 29-strong syndicate had laundered at least £2 million through casinos and were using the drug money to fund a luxury lifestyle.

West Midlands Police discovered the first of the cartel's factories after responding to calls of suspicious activity at an address in Wentworth Way, Harborne, on January 20 last year.

Leader

A large drugs and cash haul was recovered from the property, and inquiries by West Midlands Police's Drug Investigation Team led detectives on a trail which exposed a network of cannabis factories and safe houses.

In total, 27 men and two women have been handed jail terms ranging from 16 months to six-and-a-half years.

The last members were jailed last month at Coventry Crown Court for a combined total of 72 years.

Thousands of cannabis plants were seized by police over a six-month period as properties used by the predominantly Vietnamese-based cartel, many of whom were in the country illegally, were raided by police.

Tony Sam, aged 27, from North Drive, Handsworth, was the syndicate ring-leader. He posed as an import-export boss and used fake documents to secure industrial units he deemed suitable for drug farm modifications.

He was found guilty of conspiracy to supply drugs and jailed for six-and-a-half years at Birmingham Crown Court earlier this year.

Other key cartel members included husband and wife Zahir Salim, 42, who ran a nail bar in Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton, and 43-year-old Hoa Nguyen from Cloister Drive, Halesowen. Police arrested them at Heathrow in March last year and, after admitting money laundering linked to drug supply, they were both handed five-year three-month prison terms.

The youngest gang member was Bao Nguyen, 21, of Albion Road, Handsworth, who was arrested during a raid in Edgbaston on February 5, 2011 after 10 one-kilo bags of cannabis were found in a garage.

Detectives found he was central to the drug distribution process, and he was found guilty of conspiracy to supply drugs and jailed for five-and-a-half years.

Tony Sam posed as import-export boss

Hoa Nguyen was arrested at Heathrow

Bao Nguyen – youngest gang member

Zahir Salim ,aged 42, ran a nail bar

Route for sleigh run announced

THE route for Santa's sleigh run, to raise money for community groups around a Black Country town, has been announced.

The ride, organised by the Tipton Community Association, takes place every year and sees Santa being pulled along on his sleigh decorated with fairy lights around the town.

Father Christmas is normally accompanied by collectors as he winds his way around Tipton, who carry buckets to collect cash towards the effort.

The run will start on December 1 at Tipton Christmas Festival on Owen Street.

Over the course of the month, Santa will cover Princes End, Horseley Heath, Dudley Port and Burnt Tree.

The run will end on Christmas Eve, when he will complete a magical mystery tour.

Details at www. tipton-communityassociation. com

Ravinder on Branson's pioneer trip

A YOUNG West Bromwich businessman joined Sir Richard Branson and other senior business figures on a trade mission to India.

Ravinder Ryan Deol, aged 19, who has founded Indian Snack Box, was chosen by Virgin Media Pioneers to take part in the four-day business trip.

He flew out with the team from UK Trade & Investment and major British businesses on Virgin Atlantic's first flight to Delhi last weeky before moving on to Mumbai.

Mr Deol is part of a growing online community of thousands of entrepreneurs that was founded by Virgin Media two years ago.

He said he planned to use the trip to research, source and secure business partnerships with companies in Indian so he can launch his subscription snack company next year.

Call for donors

BLOOD donors in Sandwell are being asked to volunteer for a ground-breaking study which could help shape the way people give blood. The Birmingham Blood Centre, in New Street, needs a minimum of 3,325 volunteers from the area. Call 03001232323 for information.

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Parcel delivery man hid stolen phone in shoe

A PARCEL delivery worker stole brand new iPhones destined for customers by hiding them in his clothing, a court was told.

Hardeep Somal, from Smethwick, stole four mobile phones worth £2,040 from parcel delivery firm DPD, his employer of just 12 weeks.

The 19-year-old sneaked into the toilets of the Oldbury firm and removed packaging on the phones before hiding them in his clothing and socks and leaving work, Sandwell Magistrates Court heard last week. He sold one iPhone 4 on to the friend of a friend for £200.

He was rumbled by CCTV cameras and stopped by internal security in the toilets trying to steal two of the phones, an iPhone 5 and a Samsung Galaxy.

Mrs Kelly Crowe, prosecuting, said when Somal was stopped by security he tossed the Samsung phone he had stolen into the bin, saying: "No-one wants a Galaxy."

The iPhone 5 was in his shoe when he was caught. Somal pleaded guilty to theft by employee from October 4 to 9 this year. Mrs Crowe said: "CCTV suggested the defendant took one mobile into the toilet and removed the packaging and then concealed it. He did this on three occasions.

Resist

"Three of the phones were recovered, one from a shoebox in his bedroom.

On the last occasions, an iPhone 5 was recovered from his sock and the Samsung Galaxy from the bin." In police interview Somal, of Davidson Road, said the temptation to steal the phones was too great to resist, the court heard.

Mr Andrew Chowdhury, defending, said Somal stole the phones to help pay bills at home.

He also highlighted his early guilty plea.

Somal was handed a 12-month community order, ordered to do 200 hours of community work, pay £529 compensation to DPD, and £85 court costs.

Expansion starts at drinks firm

THE multi-million pound extension of a Wednesbury soft drinks company is under way, in a move which promises dozens of jobs.

Work has begun on the expansion of Purity Soft Drinks, Mounts Road, the first stage of plans to triple the size of the business in the next four years. It currently employs 68 staff.

The plans were unveiled after the firm was acquired by private equity firm Langholm Capital – owner of Tyrrells Potato Crisps, the Bart Ingredients Co and Dorset Cereals – this year.

As a result of the takeover, the Mounts Road site will receive £4 million investment, including £2.2m on a new production line.

The first stage will see the firm extend its unit, creating an extra 2,410 sq ft of floor space.

The structure of that building is now being erected.

This will eventually allow the firm to blow its own bottles – at the moment they are brought in – and fill 18,000 bottles an hour compared with the current 12,000.

Dozens of jobs will be created over the next two to three years as a result of the investment.

Funds call on heating

COUNCIL bosses are bidding for £220,000 worth of funding for a scheme which will help keep elderly and vulnerable people warm this winter.

Sandwell Council is applying for a share of the Department of Health's Warm Homes Healthy People Fund. The cash will need to be spent by March 31, 2013.

A report asking Sandwell's finance boss to support the grant application at a meeting today (Thur) says the project would see council, health, community and voluntary organisations work together.

Scheme backed

APPROVAL has been given for a £200,000 changing block to be built at The RSA Academy, Bilston Road, Tipton. It will have two large changing rooms, a referees' room, and kitchen, next to a playing field on the school site. The pitch is already used by football teams of all ages and staff want to create more convenient facilities for them rather than than having to go inside.

Avalanche hope in search for extra Snow Champions

MORE than 5,000 people will be given Snow Champion kits this winter, Sandwell Council has announced – double the amount given the kits last year.

The campaign will see residents given free snow shovels and tubs of rock salt to help keep the borough moving if it snows. Applications opened on Monday and close on November 9. Council staff will deliver the kits to homes in November.

Entries will be open to anyone who lives in the borough. Last year, 2,500 salt tubs and shovels were given out in the community.

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said: "The idea behind Snow Champions is equipping people in Sandwell to help one another out if it snows.

"Last winter's campaign was a great success and people told us they thought it was a really good idea, so we were keen to do it again this winter.

"We know Sandwell people like to help each other out, and we hope that by giving out snow shovels and salt they will do just that.

Treat

As well as giving kits out to 5,000 new champions, the council will also deliver an extra tub of salt to everyone who applied last winter.

That means there will be 7,500 people equipped with shovels and salt around the borough.

One thousand of the kits will go to people who applied to be Snow Champions last winter but missed out after the council ran out of kits.

Borough neighbourhoods councillor Ian Jones added: "Snow Champions don't replace the fantastic work of our gritting crews who treat more than 260 miles of our main roads.

"The Snow Champions campaign is about giving people the tools to help one another out if we get another snowy winter."

Landlord restores pub with big refit

A WEDNESBURY pub has been restored after undergoing a £250,000 revamp.

The Queens Head, which dates back to the early 1900s, has received a joint investment by leaseholder Tim Swain and owners Punch Taverns.

Mr Swain, who previously managed a tool hire business, was a regular before taking on the pub six months ago.

"I've been going to this pub for years, and a refurbishment has been long overdue," he said.

"The pub looks fantastic now it's been restored to its former glory, and I know the community will be happy to have their pub back."

As part of the refurbishment, bosses have had a new main entrance built, and the main sign will have a new Queen's Head to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Inside, the Brunswick Park Road pub has been redecorated, and new furniture and fittings have been added to give a fresh and modern look and feel.

Gallery's painting is authentic Millais

Museum assistant Catherine Melnik with the painting, Boy With a Hurdy Gurdy

A PAINTING that has been hanging on the walls of a Sandwell museum for more than 80 years has been proved to be by the artist John Everett Millais, and worth up to £100,000.

When the painting was first hung in Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery in 1930, it was attributed to Millais.

But because its unusual style the majority of experts did not believe that it was authentic.

But researchers have now discovered documents that prove the piece was, after all, painted by Millais when he was just 14, in 1843.

The painting, which is called Boy with a Hurdy Gurdy, was thought to be worth £5,000, but it would now expect to sell for £100,000.

Talent

Frank Caldwell, Sandwell museums manager, said: "As a juvenile work it is noticeably different in style and content from mature works."

Millais was born in Southampton in 1829. His talent won him a place at the Royal Academy school at the unusually early age of 11.

While there, he met William Holman Hunt and Dante Gabriel Rossetti with whom he formed the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood in 1848.

Probably his most famous painting is Ophelia. His work The Blind Girl is at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, and one of his paintings of a child, Bubbles, was used to advertise Pears soap.

NEWS in brief

Invasion fears over knotweed

A NUISANCE plant has been found growing near industrial units in Wednesbury.

Japanese knotweed has been reported in a hedge on the left side of Leabrook Road as people travel into Ocker Hill. Sandwell Council is investigating.

If left, the plant spreads quickly and covers wide areas, killing off native species and damaging building foundations. It was introduced to Britain by the Victorians as an ornamental plant.

Man accused over dog attack

A MAN has appeared in court accused of allowing his dog to attack an 11-year-old boy in Rowley Regis.

Aaron Johnson, of Harold Road, Rowley Regis is charged with allowing a cross-breed of an American Bulldog and a Boxer dog to be out of control and cause injury, in Mincing Lane, in July.

The case was adjourned for committal and he was granted unconditional bail by Sandwell magistrates until December 18.

MP hits out over police suspension

A SANDWELL MP has criticised the suspension of a police detective for a blunder which made evidence inadmissable in a murder trial.

Warley MP John Spellar dubbed the suspension of Det Supt Steve Fulcher 'ludicrous'.

The detective tried to solve the kidnapping of Rebecca Godden-Edwards but breached guidelines on interviewing suspects.

Market search for entertainers

ENTERTAINERS and charity fundraisers are being sought to run events at a new dedicated area at West Bromwich's outdoor market.

Market hall superintendent Lisa Hill is looking for people who want to use the space to canvass dates and availability. For information call her on 07966 086 750 to arrange a meeting.

Natural causes

THE inquest on 68-year-old Stanley William Turner, of Bloomfield Road, Tipton, heard last week that he died of natural causes due to a combination of heart problems.

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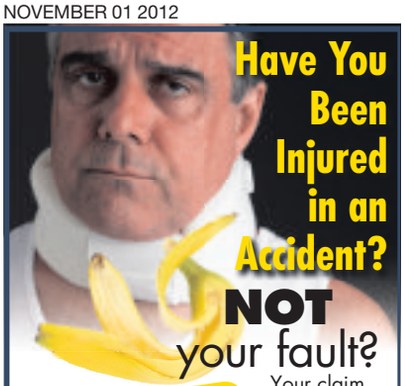

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NEWS

Four tower blocks will have £11m work done

AN £11 million refurbishment of four tower blocks in West Bromwich has been given the go-ahead by housing bosses as part of a £490 million investment programme.

by Lisa Wright

The blocks, Beaconview, Broome, Stanton, and Sheapcoate Houses, on the Charlemont Farm Estate, will have external improvements.

They include replacement windows and doors, new entrances, insulated cladding, redecoration of communal areas and landscaping.

There are a 132 flats in the four blocks. Work is expected to start next summer with the contract for the work expected to go out to tender in early 2013.

Sandwell Council's housing chief Councillor Simon Hackett said: "This is excellent news for the tenants who have been waiting a number of years for these improvements and particularly for the two tenants and residents associations who have been working hard to encourage support and agreement for these eagerly awaited works to be approved."

The council announced in August, a 10-year investment plan with new council homes being built and more than 7,000 properties being improved. The programme, will see almost £500 million ploughed into improving living standards for people in council-owned homes.

The chairman of the Beaconview and Broome House Tenants and Residents Association Paul Button said: "After so many years of meetings and discussions the dream of improving our homes to make them both affordable and sustainable has taken a giant leap forward into reality with the announcement of work starting the summer of 2013.

"This is an exciting time where we as tenants look forward to working in partnership with Sandwell Council and other stakeholders to deliver this project."

Charity day support

Jas Rhai, front, from SWBH NHS Trust, with left, Joyce MacLoughlin, from Macmillan Nurses and Tai Tsang, from the Chinese Community Centre

CANCER patients and carers had the chance to meet with helpers from support groups at a dedicated wellbeing fair in West Bromwich.

The event, hosted by the Park Inn Hotel, Europa Avenue, saw 117 people pass through the doors. There were stands for support groups for those who have been recently diagnosed with the disease or for whom it is further developed.

They were also pampering sessions on offer to help people look good and feel better – including make-up tips for people who may have lost hair through chemotherapy.

Brian Childs, an organiser from cancer support group Upper GI Blues said "There's lots of support available for people living with cancer at events such as this. People helping are doing a marvellous job."

Man died from hanging

A MAN who was found hanged at home had so much alcohol in his system it was not clear if he tried to kill himself, an inquest heard. Kevin Bloomer, aged 60, was found at his home in Brickhouse Road, Rowley Regis. An inquest at Smethwick Council House heard Mr Bloomer had a high level of alcohol in his system. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a narrative verdict that said the alcohol precluded a positive verdict of what Mr Bloomer had intended to do. He added there were no suspicious circumstances and Mr Bloomer had hanged himself at home. The cause of death was recorded as asphyxia and hanging.

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NEWS

Teen's suspended prison term for breaching Asbo

A TEENAGER who repeatedly breached his anti-social behaviour order has been given a suspended sentence.

Jamie Russell Edmunds was given an Asbo on July 9 after continually indulging in anti-social behaviour in Rowley Regis.

However, after the order was imposed, the 18-year-old was caught on three separate occasions in areas from which he was banned, Warley Magistrates' Court heard. The Asbo had strict conditions banning Edmunds, of Grange Road, from entering several streets in the area.

The court heard that the order was issued after he caused distress to residents by using threatening language and behaviour and causing criminal damage.

Kelly Crow, prosecuting, told the court that on September 30 and October 4 he was caught in Harvest Road, and on October 9 he was caught in Badsey Road, both of which he was banned from.

On October 9 he was spotted by a resident who reported him to the police. The court also heard that when he was approached by a police officer, Edmunds gave a false name.

Edmunds had pleaded guilty to three charges of breaching his Asbo and one charge of obstructing an officer in the execution of his duty. Kirandeep Soor, defending, said that on the first two occasions Edmunds visited a shop, and on the third occasion he had visited a friend.

He said: "He did not cause anyone any alarm or distress."

Magistrates handed Edmunds a 12-week sentence suspended for 12 months, made him subject to a curfew for 12 weeks, and ordered him to pay £85 costs.

Young authors on shortlist

Pupils, back left, Leona Delamere, Lebron Shirley, AJ McCowan, and front, Aeha Balley, with teacher Danielle Lynch celebrate

A CLASS of 30 pupils are in the running to become published authors at the age of just five after reaching the final of a national literacy competition.

Budding writers from Brandhall Primary School, in Oldbury, have been shortlisted against 19 other finalists from across the UK and Ireland to become the author of Hallmark Cards new Story Buddies book due to be launched before Christmas. The competition was launched in March this year as part of a national initiative supported by education advisors and the Confederation of British Industry.

Teacher of the Year One class, Danielle Lynch, said: "Our class really enjoyed writing our story together and we can't believe we've been shortlisted – all the children are so excited.

The shortlisted entry with the most votes will then be named the winner.

Park's buildings to go

TEMPORARY buildings at Red House Park, Hill Lane, Great Barr, will be demolished if plans are approved by council chiefs. The buildings are not used, and an application has been submitted by the council to have them flattened.

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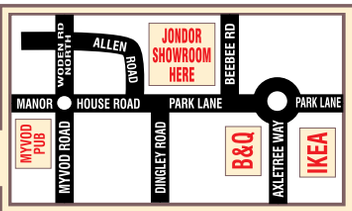

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The event will feature catwalk shows, designer guests, celebrities, makeovers, champagne bars, hundreds of fashion and beauty brands to choose from as well as the spectacular 5,500-seat Fashion Theatre showcasing the best of British design. Fronting this year's show is British model Daisy Lowe, star of campaigns for the likes of Chanel, Vivienne Westwood and Topshop.

Boutique

This year the daily fashion shows in the Suzuki Fashion Theatre are being presented by stylist to the stars Grace Woodward and Brit fashion designer of the moment, Henry Holland.

Also new this year is the incorporation of Britain and Ireland's Next Top Model Live in the Style Boutique, featuring even more fashion and catwalk shows.

DJ and model Zara Martin has been announced as the host of the Diet Coke Image Catwalk showcasing High Street collections, final-year collections from fashion students and pieces from designers of the future.

The Style Studio will host talks by some of the country's leading stylists, workshops and career seminars on all things fashion related. Hundreds of fashion and beauty brands will be setting up pop-up shops in halls within the show.

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Fronting the show is British model Daisy Lowe

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NEWS

Cutting edge to new fire vehicle

Tipton firefighter Karl Reynolds, left, and crew commander James White with the new vehicle

TIPTON Fire Station has become one of just three in the region to have a state-of-the-art vehicle.The four-wheel-drive Toyota Hilux, which replaces a fire engine at the Alexandra Road station, can handle all sorts of terrain.

It has a 250-litre tank of water and three hoses – one 130ft long and two 80ft long – and is fitted with battery powered cutting gear, breathing apparatus and first aid equipment. From this month it is expected to answer more than 57 per cent of the Tipton station's call-outs.

Firefighter Karl Reynolds said: "I think it's a cracking bit of kit. It's good on-road, it's good off road. It's thinner, lighter, more efficient to drive."

West Midlands Fire and Rescue service is trialling the vehicles in Tipton, Dudley and Coventry. Fire service spokesman Dave Janes said: "At the moment this is a trial to determine the full capability of this concept."

The cost of the new vehicles has not been revealed.

Cash boost to create jobs at car parts firm

SIXTY-SIX jobs will be created at a Tipton car interiors company thanks to a Government cash injection. Cab Automotive has already been boosted by announcements of Jaguar Land Rover's expansion earlier this year.

by Alex Homer

And last month the Tipton factory in Sedgley Road East was one of 17 successful bidders for money from the third round of the Government's £1 billion Regional Growth Fund.

The grant will not only safeguard the firm's 245 staff but also bankroll projects, creating new environmentally-friendly products, which will bring new jobs, from shop floor operators to engineers and process leaders.

Managing director John Faulkner said: "The money will be used to assist in three projects which will secure the future of the workforce as well as creating 66 jobs."

Cab Automotive makes interior components for JLR, Rover, Aston Martin, McLaren, Honda, Toyota and Bentley.

The firm was announced as a winning bidder for RGF cash alongside the Chronicle's sister paper Express & Star, which won £1.4 million for a Green Shoots Fund.

It is launching the fund with the University of Wolverhampton to boost local firms.

Inquest on roofer's death

A ROOFER died of natural causes, a coroner has has recorded. Raymond Furber, aged 68, of Powis Avenue, Tipton, died in Sandwell Hospital of septicaemia, a urinary tract infection and lung disease. In inquest was held in Smethwick last week.

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NEWS

School celebrates good Ofsted report

A SCHOOL in West Bromwich is celebrating after being rated as good in its latest Ofsted inspection. Hargate Primary was inspected in October.

It is an improvement on the Hargate Lane school's last inspection, when it was rated as satisfactory.

The report states almost all pupils make good or better progress in most subjects because of good teaching, which was paprticularly strong for the oldest pupils. It said pupils feel safe and behave well.

Pupils and staff respect and value each other. Inspectors add that teaching is good and sometimes outstanding in Key Stage 2, while reading, writing and maths are taught well because staff have received good quality training and understand the approach taken by the school.

Leadership and management has also been rated as good, with the report adding: "All leaders and managers are determined to improve the school to the highest level."

This tree blighting our lives, say elderly couple

AN ELDERLY couple from Wednesbury who say a large overgrown tree is blighting their lives, are calling for action to be taken to have it removed. Dennis, aged 81, and Brenda Lightwood, 80, say the tree has grown taller than their home.

by Naomi Dunning

They said that it blocks their light, dumps leaves on their house and blocks their view when reversing the car off their driveway.

It also attracts pigeons and other birds which also mess on their house, car and driveway.

The couple who have lived in their home on Paul Street for the last 50 years say they have been complaining about the tree to the council for the past two decades.

Great-grandfather of seven Mr Lightwood said: "We have complained to councillors and the MP Adrian Bailey, for years, and all that has been done is that they have pruned it. It grows even more."

The couple say the tree means that their front room is constantly in shadow, and they always have to have the lights on. The retired railway worker added: "I am not as good on my feet as I used to be and the leaves make it dangerous.

"Also I can't see properly when I reverse out of the drive because the tree blocks my view."

Neighbourhoods boss Councillor Ian Jones said: "To suggest that we have done nothing for years is totally wrong. We saw the person making this complaint in the summer and told him we were planning to prune the tree.

"But he was told that because of the type of tree it was it could only be pruned when it was not in leaf.

"He was told that this was scheduled to be carried out some time during November or December."

Dennis and Brenda Lightwood in front of the tree

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Delight as office begins to fill up

NEW tenants for a £2.6 million office development in Sandwell have been welcomed as a business boost by the council's jobs chief.

Councillor Derek Rowley, cabinet member for jobs and economy, said he was delighted with take-up of the Pure Offices block, near to Sandwell and Dudley rail station.

Since opening a year ago, Pure Offices in Broadwell Road has become home to 25 companies and has more than 70 occupiers.

Nearly half of the offices have been filled, with St John's Ambulance, TLE, Executive Mail Data & Document Solutions and Surepay Solutions all recently moving in. The company specialises in providing an "easy in – easy out" office space to help start-up businesses and to celebrate the completion the first year, a move-in-for-free incentive is available. Firm should call 0121 314 1366 or email stellabroster@pureoffices.co.uk

House projects will give £8.2m boost to companies in borough

BUSINESSES in Sandwell are to receive an £8.2 million boost for carrying out work on a major house building scheme in the borough.

The council has revealed the first phase of a £280m programme to build 2,800 homes will create £8.2m of construction work for local companies. The first phase will see a mixture of 450 private sale and rental homes built as part of the overall scheme.

Sandwell Council secured a social housing investment of £10m to complete the work.

The money came from the Homes and Communities Agency in March. Many of the houses will be built at the Tibbington Estate, Tipton, and the Durham Estate, West Bromwich, which the council has approved for development.

A report by council chiefs states: "These two phase one projects also have the potential to deliver approximately £8.2 million of construction work for local Sandwell businesses, along with the associated supply chain benefits for the borough.

Opportunities

"There would also be significant training and construction job opportunities for local people."

Sandwell's finance boss Councillor Steve Eling said: "This is just the first phase of a very large housing project, and this project was one of the main reasons I introduced the borough's mortgage scheme. Because with all these new homes we are going to need people to have the funds to buy them."

He added: "It is fantastic news for the borough, as it will not only provide new homes for families, and hopefully get the housing market moving, but will also create much-needed job opportunities and work for local firms."

Sandwell's unique £2m mortgage scheme is a bid to help get first-time buyers on the housing ladder. They can apply for up to 95 per cent mortgages on new-build homes.

Weighing firm takes on recruits

A SMETHWICK engineering firm has recruited 10 apprentices. Avery Weigh-Tronix has recruited the service technicians as part of its new apprenticeship initiative.

The programme offers people across the UK the chance to develop skills in the repair and maintenance of weighing equipment.

The course combines a mixture of on the job training with formal academic learning.

Peter Branston, general manager for service, said: "We're very pleased to be able to run the apprenticeship scheme. In doing so, we're not only investing in the future of Avery Weigh-Tronix by harnessing new talent, we're also supporting the demand for a new generation of skilled technicians in the UK."

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LETTERS

Why recession is made in Britain

SHOULD we at least accept some of the blame for the state of our economy? We happily go on our foreign holidays to hot and exotic places and exchange our hard-earned sterling for euros and dollars.

While we are away, we take photographs of architectural interest with our digital Panasonic (Japanese) camera.

When the holiday is over, we fly home on an Etihad (Turkish) aeroplane, and at the airport we get into our BMW (German) car, stopping off at Asda (Walmart, American) for provisions.

On arriving home, we swiftly put the frozen foods into our Bosch (German) fridge-freezer, make a hot drink with our Philips (Dutch) electric kettle and heat some food in our Siemens (Finnish) electric cooker.

After refreshments, we put the dirty crockery into our Zanussi (Italian) dishwasher and our soiled holiday clothes into our Hotpoint (Indesit, Italian) automatic washing machine.

It feels a bit chilly after our two weeks in a hot climate, so we turn up the central heating fired by our Bosch (German) boiler. The children go to their rooms to do their own things. One gets on his Sony (Japanese) computer to update himself on Facebook. Another gets on her Apple (American) iPod to find out the latest in the pop world, and the wife picks up her Nokia (Finnish) mobile phone to text her mother to say that we are home safe.

We then all sit down to relax and turn on our Samsung (South Korean) television.

The 10 o'clock news comes on, and the newsreader tells us that yet again our balance of payments is in the red.

We all gasp with astonishing innocence and wonder why.

J Chandler,
Hay Green, Stourbridge.

Sort out state of the toilets

FOLLOWING on from Ewart Johnson's letter (Chronicle Letters Page, October 11), I write also about those toilets, or should I say ex-toilets, opposite the new Cape Hill market, which have been derelict for many, years.

I also know there are bullet holes or canon shell holes on the wall outside them, from a German Messerschmitt fighter during Second World War. I'm sure that Sandwell Council has not left those toilets derelict for all these years just to preserve something like that! I also raise yet again the very dire toilets alongside Victoria Park, which is now a green flag park, yet still this building is in need of a facelift!

How many more years do we have to wait before something positive is done with both buildings? They don't do anything to improve the general look of the environment in Smethwick.

John Cash,
Slatch House Road,
Smethwick.

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Aim anti-racism campaign at Fifa

WITH reference to the proposed "Black Players Union", about which talks are already under way, surely this will only serve to marginalise black players and fuel the fire of the Neanderthals that harbour racist ideologies.

I reject the argument that black players are not represented fairly. We all shared mutual disgust at events in Serbia and must have seen the FA's reaction in condemnation of such.

I'm not a supporter of the FA but know every measure will be taken to ensure this problem is eradicated.

If the group of black players that are instigating this think they are being persecuted, take a look at some of the footage from the 1970s and 80s and witness real "race hate". Furthermore, their campaign should be directed at Fifa and Messrs Blatter and Platini, not at this country's efforts to achieve harmony.

We have one of the most moderate and multi-cultural societies in the world. I'm sure if this group were to be plying their trade in Spain, Italy or Serbia etc they would have much more to be discontented with.

Duncan Hodgkiss
Horseley Road, Tipton.

Bringing history of town to life

A BIG thanks to Linda and Terry for inviting me to take part in the Oldbury History Day.

Growing up in Portway Road, I have walked past the Big House many times, so to be inside and listen to John telling the visitors about all the "tranklements" upstairs and then walk over to the Wetherspoons and listen to Terry Daniels give us the history of the building was fascinating.

The most enjoyable part was listening to and recording the memories of all the people who gave their time to narrate their memories.

People's lives are extraordinary, and everyone had a story to tell.

Linda and Terry will have great fun listening to them all when I send them back.

The people of Oldbury should be proud that they have a group that are so passionate about their town and its history. It made me proud to be an Oldbury Mon.

Brian Dakin,
Tower Road,
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Man used forged cheques to steal £20,000 from firm

A MACHINE operator who stole almost £20,000 from the West Bromwich firm where he worked has been given a suspended jail sentence.

John Partridge took 33 company cheques from Very Fastners Ltd, forged signatures and then cashed them in to help pay off his debts. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told on Monday that he stole £19,713 during his crime spree.

Prosecutor Mrs Sati Ruck told the court that the offences happened between October last year and this June.

During that period, Partridge stole cheques and forged them to valuations of between £163 and £953.

He then exchanged them for cash at a cash-for-cheques firm in Cradley Heath. Partridge, of Lodgefield Road, Halesowen, admitted an offence of fraud by false representation against the firm, in which his father is a shareholder.

Mr Julian Harris, defending, said Partridge, aged 28, made full admissions as soon as staff at the Bromford Lane-based firm became aware of missing money.

Mr Harris said his client was being hassled for money by a drug dealer whom Partridge had helped to convict in 2009 when he provided a statement to the police.

Mr Harris said: "The drug dealer was jailed for 18 months and when released, he came for Mr Partridge for revenge.

"His car and house was trashed and threats were made against him and his family."

Mr Harris said his client took out loans to pay the money and then committed the fraud to cover the repayments. He added: "This man is trying to put his class A drug habit behind him."

Recorder Peter Cooke gave Partridge a 40-week jail term suspended for 18 months. He must also carry out 180 hours of unpaid work and be under supervision for 18 months.

Masons in cash boost for carers

SANDWELL Young Carers charity in West Bromwich has received £1,000 from the Freemasons of Bromwic Lodge, Edward Street.

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Hanging baskets to brighten up centre

With the hanging baskets are, top, Carol Talbot and Councillor Olwen Jones

SPLASHES of colour have brightened up a community centre, thanks to a kind donation of hanging baskets from a housing association. Members of the Millfield Forum and the Riverside Housing Association donated the 20 cone-shaped hanging baskets to the Hill Top community centre.

The baskets have been filled with winter plants and will be put up over the next couple of days. The baskets were paid for through the housing association's community budget. Wednesbury South Ward Councillor Olwen Jones said: "It will be lovely to see the community centre brightened up, and made a bit more attractive. We are very grateful to those at the housing association for purchasing them for the centre."

Traders take taxi parking controversy to watchdog

A DECISION not to enforce a ban on taxi drivers parking on council-run car parks in Sandwell was referred to the Local Government Ombudsman.

by Alex Homer

Sandwell Council is reviewing its policy on not allowing taxis to use council car parks following complaints from cab drivers. The borough's neighbourhoods chief, Councillor Ian Jones, is investigating whether the policy should remain in force. Some traders say it must be implemented.

Blackheath Business and Community Association secretary Mary Docker said she was fuming at the decision not to enforce a blanket ban and complained to the Government watchdog.

Shopping

Hackney carriage drivers fear being ticketed under the rules, even if they park while off-duty, to go shopping.

The ban was put in place because of complaints that taxi drivers were using council-owned car parks as an effective taxi rank from which to ply their trade.

Councillor Jones said: "They believe we are excluding off-duty taxi drivers shopping as they cannot use our car parks.

"They say they are unable to shop and use our facilities.

"They claim they are being forced out of the borough, so the policy is under review."

Complaints surfaced particularly in Blackheath, where market traders claimed spaces at the council-owned Park Street long stay were regularly full of taxis.

The borough-wide ban came into effect in February.

The Ombudsman's office said the case had been closed as a "premature complaint" as the council had not yet taken action itself.

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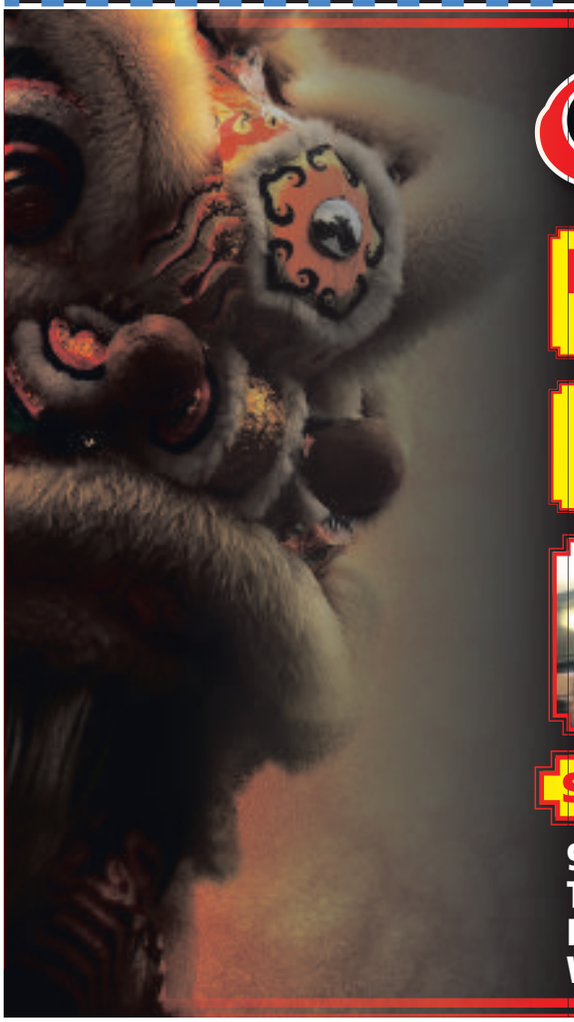

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Work on Arboretum lido revamp is forging ahead

WORK on the £250,000 revamp of the Walsall Arboretum lido is forging ahead.

Builders aim to have the project to transform the site into a water play area completed by the end of the year.

Following delays over the summer, contractor Ustigate Ltd moved on site after building part of a new play structure at its factory.

Excavation and groundwork is well under way. Alterations to an existing building on site, which will house the plant room for the new system, have also begun.

Walsall Council's Greenspace Service is leading the scheme to replace the lido, which had been used by families since 1953 but was recently condemned as unhygienic.

The new feature was expected to be ready for the school summer holidays but was delayed. The scheme was revised to include a hi-tech water recycling system to reduce water use.

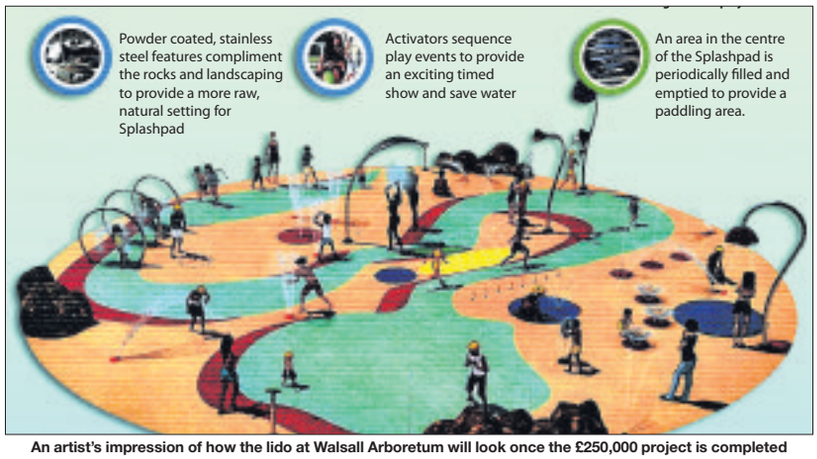
Walsall's leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris said: "We're pleased with the progress on this project.

"We decided to avoid starting the work during the school summer holidays as it would have meant us closing the play area. We felt people had had enough to contend with as a result of the major restoration that is taking place at the Arboretum and wanted to avoid creating additional disruption.

"We thank people for their patience while this work is carried out."

In 1994, the lido was developed into a treasure island-style attraction with a playground and paddling pool. The authority said it create more modern facilities with the new water jets.

The improvements will fit in with the Arboretum's £7.6 million restoration, which includes a new visitor centre.



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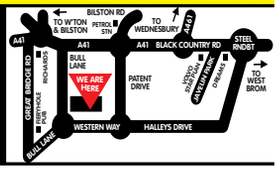

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Stunned by magic of guest

KINGSWINFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps welcomed all the ladies, and Dr Bob King to the October meeting. Yvonne Brookes is recovering and is back home.

Audrey thanked the members for supporting last month's auction, also the committee for the harvest supper. Places are available for the December lunch at Val Thacker's.

A cheque for £80 has been sent to the White House, Dudley, one of the group's chosen charities.

Tickets for the Christmas Party on December 20 will be on sale next month. Kathleen Turner has prepared, with Yvonne Bayton, an impressive programme of speakers for next year.

Dr Bob King provided entertainment with his cabaret magic. The audience participated in the "mind reading" acts involving the cards and they tried, but failed, to master the Chinese rings.

The ladies were astonished by the act of levitation involving one of the members and the final acts of illusion, when water was turned to wine and a rabbit was produced out of a hat.

Ann Cooper gave a vote of thanks. Sheila Evans, Barbara Moss and Olive Pigott won the raffle.

At the meeting on November 1 at The British Legion. Val Austwick was introducing the ladies to rug making.

Guild sets out stall at craft exhibition

Stallminders Margaret Worrall and Val Chalker at the Federation art & craft exhibition

FORMAL matters were quickly dealt with at the October 18 meeting , TG diaries were distributed and names of those wishing to attend the Christmas lunch on December 6 at Fairlawns Hotel, Aldridge, were taken.

Keith Cattell gave an interesting and informative talk and slideshow on '1,000 Years of Stained Glass'. The competition for an interesting piece of coloured glass was won by Glenys Marsden and Margaret Tolley, and the raffle was won by Val Walker.

The Federation arts & craft exhibition at Aldridge Community Centre was well attended. Pelsall's display included such items as a hand-knitted laptop cover, complete with stuffed mouse, knitted dolls and Christmas trees made from old magazines.

Next month's meeting will take the form of a mock auction with members bringing unwanted items to be sold off for charity. A short talk will be given by Sarah Heath of the Re-Assurance Team on Walsall Council.

PELSALL 'E' TG

Mystery 'wonder' revealed

WALL HEATH LADIES PROBUS CLUB

AT THE October meeting at the Kingfisher Country Club & Hotel, members were intrigued by the subject of speaker Mr Richardson, 'The Campden Wonder'. Was it a horse or a butterfly?

The mystery was revealed as a murderous tale in the Cotswolds area of Chipping Campden and the ladies' attention was held by the 17th century story.

The speaker on November 20, will also have a story to tell, and on December 18, the club is entertained by St Andrews Church Choir, Sedgley.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 12.30pm for lunch. The club would love to hear from anyone with time to spare on a Tuesday. Call 01902 883315.

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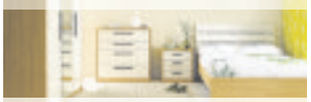

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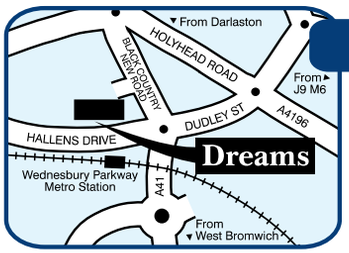

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REVIEWS

Spotlight shines bright on X Factor Nikki

Blood Brothers, Hippodrome, Birmingham

THIS gritty production about a pair of estranged twins has both comical and dark elements that wonderfully complement each other from start to end.

The well-selected cast brings the tale to life but it is fair to say the spotlight shone brightest on Tamworth's Nikki Evans of X Factor fame who filled the role of Mrs Johnstone exceptionally well and her voice carried superbly.

Set in Liverpool, the plot focuses on two brothers separated at birth that end up on the opposite side of the tracks, one a middle class school boy, the other a working class miscreant. Their chance encounter and love of local girl Linda (Olivia Sloyan) drives them both to madness and ruin.

The role of Wet Wet Wet's Marti Pellow, as the harbinger of doom suits him to a Tee. His voice has lost none of its magic, but at times lacked clarity possibly due to the Scouse accent.

Brothers Eddie (Jorden Bird) and Mickey (Sean Jones) each go their separate ways but never truly stray from the friendship they share.

Tom Mason

Versatile Lakeman heads queue for musical talent

Seth Lakeman, Town Hall, Birmingham

WHEN they handed out musical talent not only was Seth Lakeman at the front of the queue but he also went back for seconds.

He came on to the thumping beat of More than Money then linked straight into Blacksmith's Prayer using the bouzouki, picking up the tempo with his distinctive voice coming clear over the instruments.

All-rounder Lakeman was joined by guest singer Lisbee Stainton for the ballad The Sender from his Barrel House album.

With a change of instrument, one of at least 10 throughout the concert, Lakeman pulled out Solomon Browne. Showing even more versatility for Apple of his Eye, a song about cider making, he took to his fiddle and played pizzicato.

There was another change of instrument for the ballad White Hare which really showed the depth and clarity of his voice and the group moved to Blood Red Sky which had a Latin undertone.

He moved back to the fiddle for The Hurlers and made another change for the Take No Rogues, which featured a banging solo from the double bass.

Lakeman did his signature fiddle solo to end the set with his machine gun movements building up to a Vivaldi Four Seasons-style crescendo.

Danny Farragher

Seth Lakeman - musical talents

Joan shows some emotion on home soil

Joan Armatrading Symphony Hall, Birmingham

IT WAS an understated entrance for Joan Armatrading – on her home turf – singing Down To Zero as her opener with her distinctive voice filling the Symphony Hall even before she could be seen.

She played both acoustic and electric guitar with consummate ease and can also hammer out riffs like a seasoned rock star. She also funked it up with Show Some Emotion which moved smoothly into Single Life.

Joan used her wonderfully deep voice for another popular hit All The Way From America.

The hall lapped up everything the Emmy Award winner threw at them and even though it's now more than 30 years old she couldn't really get away without playing her biggest success Love and Affection. She brought a mellower sound in the title track of her new album Starlight and showed real emotion in the haunting ballad The Weakness In Me.

It took Me Myself and I to get the crowd dancing in the aisles and she gave them what they wanted, finishing with Drop The Pilot and the last track on her new album, Summer Kisses.

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Ann's transformation

A WORKING union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired health professional Ann was one of their patients. Read why now she's finding a new harmony in life.

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ANN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course.

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true.

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging." Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at *Parkdale Dental Clinic* on Tettenall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time, Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the *Denture Clinic*, which is now taking appointments in Bearwood, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

Ann, a volunteer support worker at a hospice, adds: "I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me.

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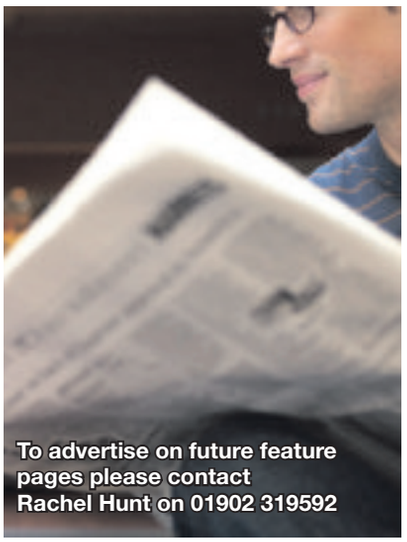

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Stalwart of park group dies at 86

A FOUNDING member of a park friends group in Great Barr has died.

Bert Cooke, who was a member of the Friends of Queslett Nature Reserve, died at Sandwell Hospital last Thursday.

The 86-year-old had been taken ill on the Saturday previously.

As well as the Friends of Queslett Nature Reserve, Mr Cooke was also one of the founder members of the Barr and Aston Local History Society.

A tree will now be planted in the park in his memory.

Drugs worth £10,000 are seized in crime crackdown

ABOUT £10,000 worth of drugs were seized from a flat in Oldbury during week two of Sandwell's Safer 6 campaign.

In addition, five tonnes of waste was cleared and security checks were carried out at nearly 200 homes.

Police and Sandwell Homes officers raided the flat at Harry Price House, Lion Farm estate, after discovering a strong cannabis smell coming from the property while carrying out door to door enquiries. They found 14 cannabis plants and suspected Class A drugs, which police took away. Investigations are continuing and Sandwell Homes will apply for possession of the flat.

Meanwhile, offenders on Community Payback put in 220 hours of community service to clear tonnes of waste from areas including Blakeley Hall Road, Oldbury, and the canal towpath in Langley. Offenders are supervised by Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust. And Sandwell Council's private sector housing team carried out checks at 189 empty private homes to make sure they were secure and not being used by trespassers.

Litterwatch visited young people with the Eco Bus, doing environmental art work around Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali. And the Sandwell Youth Bus continued its tour, visiting three estates, with the council's young people's services and other partners providing activities and safety advice. Police made seven arrests during the week, and seized two vehicles that were being used without insurance or in an anti-social way in an operation in Dudley Road and Newfield Road, Oldbury.

Superintendent Bas Javid, of Sandwell Police, said: "We are pleased to see so many different organisations concentrating efforts to help make people safer."

The Safer 6 campaign involves the police, council and partners working together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

Road to be closed for resurfacing

ROAD resurfacing work is to be carried out on Forge Lane in Cradley Heath.

In order for the work to take place, Wood Lane will be closed at its junction with Forge Lane.

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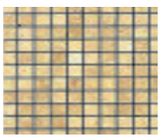
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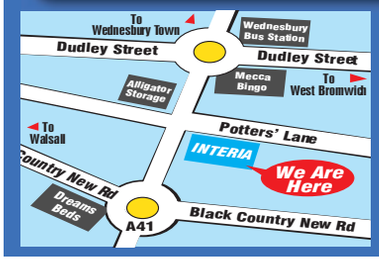

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Switching heavy metal to comedy

FORMER heavy metal drummer turned comedian Stephen Hughes has embarked on his second UK tour.

He will be performing at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday (November 3) and the following night at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall. A date at the Glee Club in Birmingham follows on November 25.

Hughes, who was with the band Mortal Sin, has appeared on Live At The Apollo, One Night Stand, Stand Up Of the Week and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.

Exhibitions will light up The Public

A SERIES of exhibitions will light up The Public in West Bromwich as Light Up Digital comes to the arts centre next week.

The exhibitions, a celebration of light and dark, run at the New Street venue starting on November 7. They will feature the video projection, Eyjafjallajökull, by French artist, Joanie Lemercier from AntiVJ. On Wednesday at 6.30pm Lemercier will be hosting a special talk.

Ramble invitation

SANDWELL Ramblers' next walk is at Codsall on Sunday. To take part in the nine-mile trek meet outside the old West Bromwich Labour Club in Sandwell Road at 9am. Call 0121 556 9868 for information.

Son of rock and pop legend joins tribute to late father

ROLAN Bolan, the son of T.Rex star Marc Bolan and soul singer Gloria Jones, will be joining the top tribute act to his father, T.Rextasy, in concert at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Saturday night.

Bolan junior was brought up in Los Angeles and the concert, celebrating Marc Bolan's 65th birthday, marks a rare UK appearance by the 37-year-old singer and songwriter. His glam rock star father was killed in a car accident in September 1977, aged 29.

During the 1970s Bolan, as leader of T.Rex and solo, had a string of hits and revolutionised the music scene alongside David Bowie and Roxy Music.

His hits included Ride A White Swan, Get It On, Hot Love, Metal Guru, Jeepster, Telegram Sam, 20th Century Boy, I Love To Boogie and Children of the Revolution.

The legacy is continued by T.Rextasy fronted by Bolan soundalike Danielz, who have been gigging around the world for 20 years – a lot longer than T.Rex did.

Rolan Bolan will be performing his own songs and some of his father's hits alongside T.Rextasy, from 8.30pm. Tickets are available from the Mount Pleasant venue for £12 (door £13). Call 01902 401211.

EastEnders star is now a merry wife of Windsor

SOAP legend Anita Dobson, still most famous as 1980s icon Angie Watts, the wronged wife of Dirty Den in EastEnders, has joined the Royal Shakespeare Company for their latest production in Stratford-upon-Avon.

After winning acclaim for her performances in several plays, the Stepney-born actress has been cast as the gossiping Mistress Quickly in Shakespeare's comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor. It was due to open this week, after previews were cancelled due to technical problems, and continues in repertoire at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until January 12.

See www.rsc.org.uk

Kate Valentine as Musetta in Welsh National Opera's production of La boheme, being staged at Birmingham Hippodrome next week, picture by Catherine Ashmore

New opera season has La boheme

WELSH National Opera return to Birmingham Hippodrome next week with their critically-acclaimed new production of La boheme.

Their four-day visit will also include performances of Handel's oratorio Jeptha and Cosi fan tutte transferred to an English seaside resort.

This version of Puccini's La boheme is set in early 1900s Paris and features Alex Vicens as Rodolfo, Giselle Allen as Mimi and Kate Valentine as Musetta. It is staged on November 8 and 10.

Mozart's Cosi fan tutte is updated to a seaside resort in the 1960s in the version by Ben Davis featuring Elizabeth Watts and Marie Flavin. It's on November 9.

Tenor Robert Murray makes his WNO debut as Jephtha, set in war ravaged 1940s Europe, on Wednesday, November 7.

Historical dramas take to the stage

THE Manor House in West Bromwich will be the setting of two historical dramas next Friday.

Jadis Shadow Productions will use the house in Hall Green Road for the two historical-based productions of The Queens' Head and Affirmation's of the Maimed Debauchee.

The Queens' Head is a tale about Henry VIII's wives Anne Boleyn and Katherine Howard and the journey they took to reach their unfortunate ends.

Affirmations of the Maimed Debauchee is about an infamous courtier, poet and decadent John Wilmot, who was second Earl of Rochester and who led a life of whores, wine and actresses.

The productions are taking place on November 9 at 7.30pm. Prices are £10 for adults and £8.50 for concessions.

Tribute show

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 3.11.12

CHOICE

Eric Sykes

The Late Great Eric Sykes
BBC2, 8.45pm
Eric Sykes devoted his life to making people laugh, so the world was a lot duller when the final curtain came down on his showbusiness career with his death on July 4 this year. Now the BBC are finally devoting an evening to the man himself, with this documentary featuring Eddie Izzard, Russ Abbot, Michael Palin, Bruce Forsyth and director Mike Newell. Later, there's a classic episode of much-loved sitcom Sykes, and then another chance to see Arena: Sykes and a Day, from 2001. Covering his success in sitcom land.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Qualifying. **2.15** Live International Rugby League. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present another ballroom battle as the pro-celebrity couples bid to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.15 Merlin. Three soothsayers cast a dark judgement upon Arthur, but despite Merlin's warnings, the headstrong king refuses to take their words seriously – so their fury rains down on Camelot.

9.00 Casualty. Dylan is asked out by a former patient, and a girl's desperation to pay her bullies off ends with her uncle visiting the ED. Connie Fisher guest stars.

9.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Classical singing group Amore perform as Myleene Klass reveals the winning numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Arsenal; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship.

12.25 Film: Bigga Than Ben: A Russians' Guide to Ripping Off London. (2008) **1.45** Weatherview. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Nigellissima. (R) **12.30** Animal Park. (R) **1.15 Film:** Bitter Victory. (1957) **2.55 Film:** The High and the Mighty. (1954) **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.15 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R)

7.15 Dambusters Declassified. Actor Martin Shaw takes to the skies to retrace the 1943 raid by 617 Squadron, which used bouncing bombs to attack German dams. (R)

8.15 Dad's Army. The platoon helps Godfrey's widowed friend gather in the harvest on her farm. Starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

8.45 The Late Great Eric Sykes. A tribute to the comedy writer and actor who died in July, featuring contributions by Eddie Izzard, Michael Palin, Mike Newell, Russ Abbot and Bruce Forsyth.

9.45 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, John Sessions, Dara O Briain and regular panellist Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of jumble.

10.30 Sykes. The siblings are about to leave on holiday, so Hattie discloses the events of their previous vacation abroad. (R)

10.55 Arena: Sykes and a Day. A profile from 2001 of comedy writer and actor Eric Sykes, who reflects on his life and long career in television, radio and film and the people he worked with. (R)

12.05 Film: Frequently Asked Questions About Time Travel. (2009) **1.25 Film:** Octane. (2003)

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date: Australia. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.15** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.15** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **3.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back. (1980) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.50** ITV News; Weather.

6.05 The Golden Rules of TV. Joe Swash demonstrates the importance of health and safety, and Eamonn Holmes and Fiona Phillips talk about the pitfalls of making breakfast television.

6.35 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.

7.05 Take Me Out. A dancer, a debonair Londoner, a karate-loving businessman and a student try to impress 30 single women and win a date to the Isle of Fernandos. Paddy McGuinness presents.

8.20 The X Factor. The remaining acts battle for viewers' votes and the approval of the four judges in the fifth live studio round, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Olly Murs and Melissa George, plus music by Tinie Tempah and Calvin Harris.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.20 FA Cup Highlights.

12.35 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.05** Beach Volleyball. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: 4Music Video Honours; Best Video Nominees. **9.30** T4: Ne-Yo: London Live. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: Suburgatory. **11.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. Lachlan Hosking hosts the fifth and final night.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A musician who believes he has been in touch with his ancestors.

7.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. The architect meets a man planning a bolt-hole in the Lake District and visits people in London who live and work in customised shipping containers. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. A water tower conversion in central London. (R)

9.00 Film: Green Zone. (2010) Premiere. A military officer searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction after the US invasion uncovers a political conspiracy. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear.

11.15 Film: What Happens in Vegas. (2008) Comedy, with Cameron Diaz.

1.05 Film: Black Rain. (1989) **3.10** Hollyoaks. **5.20** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.40 Film:** Last of the Dogmen. (1995) **1.55 Film:** The Staircase Murders. (2007) Fact-based thriller, starring Treat Williams. **3.35 Film:** Dangerous Attraction. (2012) Thriller, starring Amanda Righetti. **5.15 Film:** The Sea Wolves. (1980) Fact-based Second World War adventure, with Gregory Peck.

7.35 5 News Weekend.

7.40 Film: Zulu Dawn. (1979) Fact-based historical drama, charting events leading to the massacre of more than 1,500 British soldiers at Isandlwana. Prequel to Zulu, starring Burt Lancaster and Peter O'Toole.

10.00 CSI: Miami. Horatio links the murder of a woman to Esteban Navarro, who he long suspected of being serial killer the Miami Taunter. Guest starring Kuno Becker and Raquel Welch.

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A blackjack player is murdered following a big win, but the investigation reveals the highroller was on an all-expenses paid weekend funded by his wealthy boss. (R)

11.55 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show, with location reports, news and views from behind the scenes.

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.55** House Doctor. Home improvements. (R) **4.20** Divine Designs. St Sophia's Church, London. (R) **4.45** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** MOBO Awards 2012

BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Horizon: The Core **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.50** Horror Europa with Mark Gatiss

ITV2
5.55 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.50 Film:** E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **10.05** The Xtra Factor **11.05** Take Me Out – The Gossip **11.50** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
7.00 Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4
2.10 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) **5.15 Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) Drama, starring Lew Ayres, Louis Wolheim and John Wray. **8.00 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **10.30 Film:** Raw Deal (1986) Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

E4
3.30 Made in Chelsea **4.30** Baggage **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the 90s **10.40 Film:** Underworld: Evolution (2006)

Film4
3.15 Robots (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **5.00** New in Town (2009)v **6.50** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and Emily Blunt. **9.00** Sex and the City (2008) Comedy, starring Sarah Jessica Parker. **11.45** The Beast Stalker (2008)

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SUNDAY'S TV 4.11.12

CHOICE

Damien Lewis

Homeland
Channel 4, 9pm

Admit it – you thought you'd have to wait to the end of the second season for someone to realise war hero-turned-politician Brody was in league with terrorists. Instead, only two episodes into the new season, Saul had found the recording of Brody's confession, Carrie was vindicated, and viewers realised they had no real idea where Homeland was going next. So, prepare to be back on the edge of the sofa, as this week Brody is back in prison – only this time it's on American soil, and he presumably won't have an adorable, tragic child to babysit.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. **3.30** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison spends a day with woodsman Ben Law in West Sussex, and presents highlights from past programmes on a forest theme, including John Craven's adventure in Snowdonia.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple perform their last dance.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit the North Yorkshire town of Scarborough, where finds include a carved tribute to a Spitfire pilot killed in action, an early fridge and a Fijian war club.

9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The Industrial Revolution.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Liverpool v Newcastle United.

11.25 The Graham Norton Show. With Robbie Williams, Paul O'Grady and Darcey Bussell. (R)

12.10 The Sky at Night. **12.30** Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: The Choir: Sing While You Work. (R) **1.35** Holby City. (R) **2.35** The Paradise. (R) **3.35** Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.35 Film:** Flower Drum Song. (1961) **3.40** Flog It! (R) **4.25 Film:** The Tuxedo. (2002)

6.00 Fawlty Towers. A rumour that hotel inspectors are in town brings out the worst in Basil as he tries to spot the undercover enemy without upsetting the guests. Guest starring Bernard Cribbins. (R)

6.30 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and one entire island has been manufactured as a landfill dump. (R)

7.30 Obama: What Happened to Hope? Andrew Marr looks back at President Barack Obama's term in office, assessing if his administration has lived up to the huge expectations.

8.30 Space Dive. Documentary about Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking parachute jump last month, when he became the first person to freefall through the sound barrier.

10.00 Harry & Paul. The Minor Royals are confused by a homeless man.

10.30 Hebburn. Sarah's parents visit. (R)

11.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Ne-Yo. (R)

11.30 Film: American Beauty. (1999) Drama, starring Kevin Spacey.

1.25 Film: The Big Kahuna. (1999) **2.50** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **10.10** The X Factor. (R) **11.50** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** Live FA Cup Football. **3.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **3.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **4.30** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.30** Downton Abbey. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. JLS, Robbie Savage and some of the stars of Towie make dreams come true for unsuspecting members of the public, and a woman meets her father for the first time.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the two least popular acts have to sing for survival.

9.00 Downton Abbey. The annual cricket match brings out Robert's competitive side, Violet's great-niece Rose arrives and Thomas's future lies in Carson's hands. Last in the series.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FA Cup Highlights. Action from today's four remaining first-round matches in the world's oldest domestic cup competition, and a look at the draw for round two.

11.30 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the eighth round of fixtures, including Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints, Harlequins v Gloucester and Saracens v London Wasps.

12.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Golden Balls. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.30** Ironman Triathlon. **8.00** Channel 4 Presents – Hannah. (R) **8.05** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25 Film:** Never Been Kissed. (1999) **3.30** Deal or No Deal: Show Me The Mummy. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35 Film:** X-Men. (2000)

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. A Muslim reveals his belief that troubled and grieving people can be contacted by spirits called jinns, which are misinterpreted as supernatural communication from dead relatives.

8.00 How Britain Worked. Guy Martin visits Llandudno in north Wales to try to return the seaside resort to its former Victorian glory, working on restoring the pier and servicing the funicular tramway.

9.00 Homeland. Brody finds himself a prisoner again, but this time on American soil, while Carrie faces the consequences of her rash judgement call at the hotel.

10.10 Friday Night Dinner. Jonny wants to split up with Liz.

10.40 Derren Brown: Apocalypse. The showman concludes his two-part special. (R)

11.40 Film: Scary Movie 2. (2001) Comedy, starring Anna Faris.

1.10 American Football Live. **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) **4.50** Grudge Match. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Make Do & Mend. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Castle Farm. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Play! (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25 Film:** Stargate. (1994) **2.45 Film:** Close Encounters of the Third Kind: The Director's Cut. (1977) **5.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **5.25 Film:** Cats & Dogs. (2001)

7.10 5 News Weekend.

7.15 Film: Hancock. (2008) Comedy, starring Will Smith and Charlize Theron.

9.00 Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) Premiere. A hitman questions his way of life, while his employer plots to have him killed when his work is done. Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage and Shahkrit Yamnarm.

11.00 Hatfields & McCoys. Ellison Hatfield is gravely injured in a knife fight. (R)

12.00 Bomber Boys: Revealed. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Cuckoo

BBC Four

7.00 The Golden Age of Canals **8.00** Michael Wood: The Story of India **9.00** JFK's Road to the White House: Primary 1960 **9.55 Film:** The Devil's Backbone (2001) **11.35** Michael Wood: The Story of India

ITV2

3.05 Film: The Polar Express (2004) **5.00** Take Me Out **6.15** Take Me Out – The Gossip **7.00 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results **10.00** I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever **11.00** Girlfri3nds

ITV3

7.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** Murder on the Orient Express (1974) **11.40 Film:** Stiff Upper Lips (1998)

ITV4

2.35 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **5.30 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Apocalypse Now (1979) Vietnam War drama, starring Martin Sheen.

E4

3.05 Charlie's Angels **4.05** Made in Chelsea **5.05** New Girl **5.40** Suburgatory **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Three Men and a Baby (1987) **10.00** Misfits **11.00** The Work Experience **11.30** Made in Chelsea

Film4

3.10 The Iron Giant (1999) **4.50** Love Happens (2009) **6.55** Fantastic Four (2005) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **9.00** The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **11.35** Flags of Our Fathers (2006)

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What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
Revolver, Channel 5, 9pm
A gambler endures a seven-year stint in solitary confinement after being set up by his deranged and dangerous former boss, a malevolent casino-owner who also murdered his sister-in-law. On release he plans to exact a fitting revenge and sets out to bankrupt the villain, with the help of two enigmatic loan sharks. Guy Ritchie's crime drama, with Jason Statham, Ray Liotta, Vincent Pastore, Terence Maynard and Andre Benjamin. (2005)

Tuesday
Lunacy, Channel 4, 1.05am
A man plagued by horrific nightmares of going mad is travelling home from his mother's funeral when an aristocrat offers him a place to stay for the night. He is soon dragged into a disturbing ritual and faces being "cured" of his dreams by being sent to an asylum where the patients' delusions are given free rein. Satirical horror, starring Pavel Liska and Jan Tr?ska. In Czech. (2005)

Wednesday
The Ring, BBC1, 11.15pm
A journalist investigates several teenage deaths, which are linked to a cursed videotape and the rumour that anyone who watches it will die a week later. Her growing obsession with the tape endangers herself and her family – and to avoid the predicted fate, she has just seven days to find out where the recording came from. Gore Verbinski's remake of the Japanese supernatural horror, starring Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson and Brian Cox. (2002)

The Ring, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.15pm

Thursday
The Inbetweeners Movie, Channel 4, 9pm
Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil plan a holiday to the Greek island of Crete after they finish their exams, hoping to experience drink, sex and debauchery beyond their wildest dreams. However, things do not quite work out as planned. Comedy based on the TV series, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird, James Buckley, Blake Harrison, Emily Head, Anthony Head, Lydia Rose Bewley and Laura Haddock. (2011)

Friday
Dave, ITV1, 10.35pm
A mild-mannered lookalike is asked to step in to impersonate the US president, who is recovering from a stroke. However, he soon realises that in addition to affairs of state, he also has to handle matters of the heart, bringing happiness back into the life of the disillusioned First Lady. Comedy, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Frank Langella, Ben Kingsley, Ving Rhames and Kevin Dunn. (1993)

Pick of the Week

Gabriel's political drama mirrors real-life events

Politicians haven't been flavour of the month for, well, rather a few months now… which makes them a brilliant focus for a brand new drama.

Very loosely based on Chris Mullins' A Very British Coup, Secret State stars Gabriel Byrne as Tom Dawkins who, as deputy prime minister, decides to take on the American Petrochemical company Petrofex after a devastating accident on British soil.

But it's not going to be easy for him. As a man who believes in transparency and open government, he's got his work cut out in tackling vested interests as he goes about the task of finding out the truth behind the accident and getting justice for the families affected.

When the prime minister dies in suspicious circumstances, he's up against heavyweights Ros Yelland and Felix Durrell for the top job – but it's clear neither of his opponents have the victims' best interests at heart in their campaign.

Screen veteran that he is, Byrne is no stranger to gritty roles. You only have to cast your mind back to 2003's Vanity Fair (in which he starred opposite Reese Witherspoon), and more recently his role in In Treatment (for which he won a Golden Globe), to see that this is a man clearly up for a challenge.

But does he feel that the storyline in this is a little too close to home in a country where the government faces no end of cynicism at the present time?

"It sounds like we were imitating the headlines, but actually one of the problems of doing a contemporary thriller is that you have to race to beat the headlines.

"The major incident that happens in this that gives rise to the story is a huge petrochemical explosion in a small town in Northern England, where they're developing a drone fuel.

"Just a week before we finished it, there was a story in the paper about the development of nuclear-powered drones, and a probable scenario where what we've come to regard now as conventional warfare will be obsolete – so tanks, guns, regiments, all that stuff, would be replaced by the possibility of a drone that can fly at jet speeds over continents with a nuclear payload."

However, the actor has no doubts about this drama's success. He explains: "I think the function of a really good political thriller is not providing the answers, but to raise questions.

"And that's why I believe these kinds of films are important, because you come in with the really big ideas on the back of a gripping story.

"One of the things that's interesting about this drama is that we're talking about a politician who speaks the truth, a man of integrity who stands up to the status quo."

One thing's for certain; you'll need to put your brain in to gear – while this isn't going to be relaxed viewing, well done Channel 4 on another promising debate-provoking drama.

Charles Dance, Stephen Dillane, Rupert Graves, Douglas Hodge, Ralph Ineson, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Anna Madeley, Gina McKee, Ruth Negga, Jamie Sives, Al Weaver, Lia Williams, Susan Cookson and Russell Kilmister co-star.

Gabriel Byrne stars in Secret State, Friday, Channel 4, 10pm

Best of the Rest

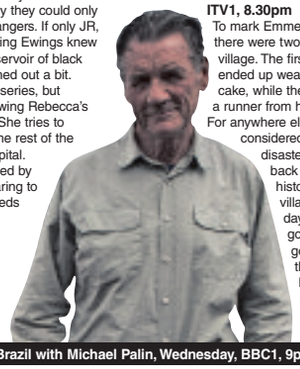
Monday
Food Unwrapped
Channel 4, 8.30pm
The nights are growing colder – despite our determination to wait, we've had the heating on for weeks – and nothing makes us feel even more cosy than a big, plate of steaming hot tucker. But don't eat it while you're watching this, for goodness sake. This is the last episode of the eye-opening series which has enlightened us as to what really goes into our favourite foods. Matt Tebbutt finds himself in Sweden, and asks, while many smoked fish specialists use traditional smoking chimneys to rack up fish like haddock, how do they smoke products such as sausages, crisps and cheese?

Monroe
ITV1, 9pm
Great ITV medical dramas are few and far between, so considering how watchable this series has been, let's hope a third is in the pipeline. Alas, this is the last in the current series, and there's no shortage of drama for the Gabriel and the team. He throws a stag party for Nick at his flat, joined by Gillespie, Bradley and Jill, but the celebrations are cut short when a traffic accident brings a slew of new patients to St Matthew's. The cast includes Sarah Parish, Tom Riley and Neil Pearson.

Tuesday
Heston's Fantastical Food
Channel 4, 9pm
Heston Blumenthal is back, and once more he'll be tapping into his youth for inspiration. He'll be hoping to bring back the wonder and excitement of childhood food memories and flavours on a monumental scale by super-sizing all manner of treats. The world's biggest 99 Flake and a record-breaking bag of Hula Hoops are on the menu. First up however is the good old breakfast, and he's not doing things by half. Aside from the world's largest boiled egg, he wants to dish up a massive bowl of cereal and the mother of all full Englishes.

Wednesday
Dallas
Channel 5, 9pm
Back in the day, Southfork Ranch may have been owned by oil tycoons, but strangely they could only afford one phone and wire coat hangers. If only JR, Bobby and the rest of the squabbling Ewings knew they were sitting on a bubbling reservoir of black liquid gold, they could have splashed out a bit. Alas, this is the last in the current series, but there's no shortage of drama following Rebecca's violent confrontation with Tommy. She tries to forget her problems as she joins the rest of the Ewings at Bobby's bedside in hospital. Meanwhile, Vicente Cano is plagued by Federal agents just as he is preparing to give Cliff Barnes the Southfork deeds and the South American rights to Christopher's methane company.

Brazil with Michael Palin
BBC1, 9pm
Actor Michael Palin is like a dog with a bone at the moment. He's determined to see every corner of Brazil, and as we reach the third episode of his fascinating travelogue, it's clear he's not willing to leave any stone unturned. He's en route to Rio, one of the world's greatest cities, but stops off in the mineral-rich state of Minas Gerais to visit an old gold mine once owned by the British, before going to see one of the area's vast opencast iron ore mines – something which is fuelling Brazil's economy. It's then on to Rio De Janeiro, a place which he learns is suffering greatly from armed drug gangs controlling the shanty towns.


Brazil with Michael Palin, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

Thursday
Emmerdale at 40
ITV1, 8.30pm
To mark Emmerdale's 40th birthday, there were two weddings in the village. The first bride, Katie, ended up wearing her wedding cake, while the second, Chas, did a runner from her own reception. For anywhere else, that would be considered something of a disaster, but as this look back over Emmerdale's history proves, the villagers are used to big days that don't exactly go to plan. Here, we get to reminisce about the time Jimmy and Nicola had to dash to make it to the church on time because they'd been in court.

Friday
Derren Brown: Fear and Faith
Channel 4, 9pm
Like Derren Brown or not, you can't deny the man has a little bit of genius in him. He's been wowing audiences for years now, and a master of his game, his tricks and mind manipulations are still the best-kept secret in entertainment. For his next trick, in another two-parter, the showman will attempt to remove people's experience of fear through the use of a powerful new drug. Yes, it's another trick that initially we'll all roll our eyes at and wait with bated breath to see what comes of it. But without a doubt we'll be thoroughly transfixed to the telly by the end of the performance, as, whatever Brown claims to be, he does put on a bloomin' good show.

Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special
BBC2, 9pm
No qualms about it, Sir David Attenborough is the kind of figurehead that will never need an introduction, his name now synonymous with some of the most weird and wonderful inhabitants of the animal kingdom. And yet the veteran broadcaster still doesn't show any signs of slowing the pace anytime soon – not bad going for a man in his mid-eighties. Well, it's been a short while since he last graced our screens, so he's back – this time, discussing the 10 most endangered animals from around the globe that he'd most like to save from extinction. First up, He explains about Darwin's frog, so special because it's the only frog in the world where the male gives birth to its young.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 H	2 X	3 Q	4 R	5 I	6 O	7 U	8 M	9 P	10 B	11 Y	12 V	13 C
14 A	15 L	16 G	17 W	18 J	19 S	20 E	21 Z	22 D	23 K	24 F	25 T	26 N

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They should get what's coming to them (9)
8. A custom, somewhat abused (3)
9. Only a personal impression, but admissible as evidence (11)
11. Fundamental shifting in cargo (7)
12. Extort in precise fashion (5)
13. Set out and consumed what's left (6)
15. He won't buy the same article twice (6)
17. Take slight action (5)
18. Having poor taste (7)
20. Cautiously asking why the plumbing is wrong (8,3)
22. Ivan has a novel need for this garden tool (3)
23. Women tend to alter a permanent income (9)

Down

2. Runner begins skilfully (3)
3. It's for putting on colour (5)
4. Have prospects? (6)
5. Salary? Spend it for a change! (7)
6. Finishes - a sentence, perhaps (4,1,4,2)
7. Trade died perhaps, if workers were so weary! (4,5)
10. Late tenders? (5,6)
11. Give short change, it's a mistake of sorts (9)
14. A monkish uppercut? (7)
16. Noted and objected (6)
19. Wines blended for strength (5)
21. Run around the vessel (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Not hurt (9)
8. Watch (3)
9. Hopeful (11)
11. Gather (7)
12. Exhaust (5)
13. Fairness (6)
15. Feast (6)
17. Comprehend (5)
18. Conceited person (7)
20. Fickleness (11)
22. Fuss (3)
23. Protracted (9)

Down

2. Woman in religious order (3)
3. Sharp (5)
4. Cordial (6)
5. Lessen (7)
6. Disgrace (11)
7. Contingent (9)
10. Estimate (11)
11. Parson (9)
14. Characteristic (7)
16. Flag (6)
19. Extravagant (5)
21. Is able (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Ideals; 8 Rustle; 10 Equator; 11 Terse; 12 Sash; 13 Smart; 17 Berth; 18 Rhea; 22 Later; 23 Offence; 24 Remand; 25 Dealer. Down: 1 Disease; 2 Request; 3 Cloth; 4 Nurture; 5 Stern; 6 Repel; 9 Cremation; 14 Bearing; 15 Shingle; 16 Careers; 19 Alarm; 20 Stamp; 21 After. QUICK - Across: 7 Droops; 8 Gather; 10 Regular; 11 Tinge; 12 Save; 13 Rival; 17 State; 18 Stye; 22 Raise; 23 Curtail; 24 Flimsy; 25 Flagon. Down: 1 Address; 2 Forgive; 3 Spill; 4 Partial; 5 Shine; 6 Greet; 9 Armistice; 14 Atheist; 15 Strange; 16 Telling; 19 Craft; 20 Rigid; 21 Frill.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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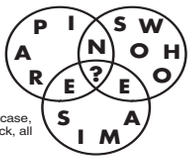
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Suitcase, satchel, rucksack, all types of bag.

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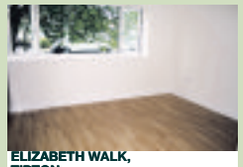

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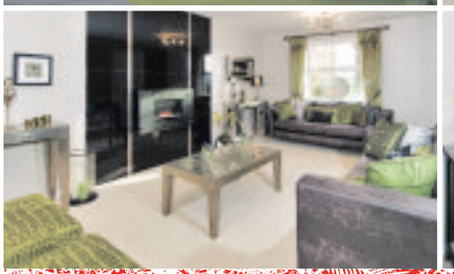

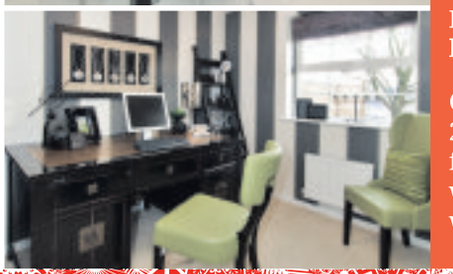

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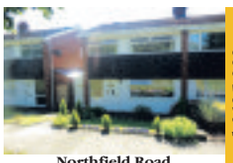

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- UPVC DG & GCH

£450pcm

Tipton
Lissimore Drive
- First floor apartment
- Hall. Spacious lounge
- CH & DG. Allocated car parking
- Bathroom with shower
- Two double bedrooms

£450pcm

Bilston
Bradley Lane
- Three bed semi
- CH and DG
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with shower

£475pcm

Coseley
Julie Croft
- Two bed semi
- Bathroom with shower and bath
- Unfurnished
- CH & PDG
- Kitchen/diner with appliances
- Enclosed rear garden

£475pcm

Wednesbury
Goldby Drive
- Two bed FF apartment
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Car parking

£475pcm

Wednesbury
Crown Court
- Two Bed Semi
- Bathroom with shower
- Kitchen/diner with cooker
- ORP

£495pcm

Coseley
Bank Street

- Attractive cottage style terraced house
- Two spacious bedrooms
- Central heated
- Lounge, seperate sitting room
- Fitted kitchen
- Useful storage cellar
- Bathroom with shower
- Landscaped garden

£475pcm

Great Bridge
Broad Croft
- Modern two bed house
- Spacious living room with patio doors
- Fully fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- ORP

£495pcm

Tipton
Ferguson Drive
- Two Bed mid terrace
- Kitchen with appliances
- GCH & DG
- Rear Garden

£525pcm

Upper Gornal
Hill Street
- Two bed terrace
- appliances
- CH and DG
- Bathroom with shower
- Kitchen with

£525pcm

Bilston
Great Bridge Road
- Three bed semi detached house
- Kitchen with appliances
- Refurbished accommodation
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- ORP & garage

£550pcm

Willenhall
Princethorpe Road
- Three bed modern townhouse
- hob
- GCH & DG. ORP
- Bath and shower facilities
- Kitchen with oven and
- Enclosed rear gardens

£575pcm

West Bromwich
Tame Street
- Three bed detached house
- Kitchen with appliances
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with shower
- Private rear garden
- ORP

£595pcm

Dudley
High Park Close
- Three bedroom family home
- appliances
- Kitchen with
- Bathroom with bath & seperate shower

£595pcm

Tipton
Colville Close
- Four Bed Detached House
- Master Bedroom with en suite
- GCH & DG. Conservatory
- Private rear gardens
- Fitted kitchen
- ORP

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Vince Street

A rare opportunity to acquire a spacious, well presented semi detached property conveniently situated for local shopping facilities available within Bearwood town centre, truly requiring internal inspection, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, delightful lounge, sitting room, dining room, attractive kitchen, utility (with downstairs w.c off), 2 first floor double bedrooms, super spacious bathroom, good sized attic room/bed 3, and rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.

Offers around £171,500

OLDBURY

Starkie Drive

An attractievly presented, thoughtfully improved, modern, 2 bedroomed intermediate starter home, set upon this popular development, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, delightful spacious lounge, attractive fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO BE FULLY APPRECIATED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £114,950

SMETHWICK

Rathbone Road

A rare opportunity to acquire AN EXTREMELY SPACIOUS, considerably improved and well presented end position FAMILY HOME with many CHARACTER FEATURES, convenient for Bearwood town centre, the property truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful spacious lounge, dining/sitting room, inner hall, super re-fitted breakfast kitchen (with integral oven/hob), 3 GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, study, attractive bathroom and pleasant rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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WARLEY WOODS AREA

Abbey Road

An opportunity to acquire a deceptively spacious, thoughtfully improved and well presented 3 bedroomed semi detached property set within this popular neighbourhood, with pleasant outlook from the front towards WARLEY WOODS, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen (with oven/hob), 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, off road parking and pleasant good sized rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO BE FULLY APPRECIATED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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SMETHWICK

Jacmar Crescent

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Offers around £159,995

SMETHWICK

Hagley Road West

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SMETHWICK

Arden Road

This 2 bedroomed END TERRACED property has been considerably improved and updated and offers delightful living accommodation throughout and truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comrpising :- Entrance vestibule area opening to DELIGHTFUL, SPACIOUS OPEN PLAN THROUGH LOUNGE WITH DINING AREA, super RE-FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN (with integrated oven/hob), 2 GOOD SIZED DOUBLE BEDROOMS, attractive RE-FITTED BATHROOM (with separate shower cubicle), and rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.

Offers around £109,950

SMETHWICK

Rathbone Road

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property convenient for gaining access to Bearwood Town Centre, having majority double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, front reception room, rear reception room, inner hall, kitchen, rear vestibule/utility area (with downstairs w.c off), 2 double bedrooms, spacious upstairs bathroom and pleasant rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £109,950

SANDON ROAD, SMETHWICK

Milton Court

An opportunity to acquire a spacious, delightfully presented and considerably improved 2 bedroomed flat pleasantly situated within this retirement complex, most convenient for local shopping facilities available within Bearwood Town Centre, having double glazing, approached via a communal entrance and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful spacious lounge, re-fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, super re-fitted shower room, communal gardens and communal parking. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE SUPERB ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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Richmond Road, Bearwood
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Period Features
- Attractive Kitchen
- Well Appointed Bathroom
- Pleasant Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £126,950

Crosswells Road, Oldbury

NEW PRICE

- Delightful Three Bedroom Semi
- Much Improved
- Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles
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- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close to Amenities

Offers in the region of £134,950

Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood

- A Delightful Mid Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Through Lounge
- Pleasant Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £139,950

Devon Road, Bearwood

- A Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- No Upward Chain
- Requiring General Modernisation
- Generous Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £229,950

Reginald Road, Bearwood

- A Charming Traditional Villa
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- South Facing Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £114,950

Harvest Road, Smethwick

NEW PRICE

- A Three Bed Semi Detached
- Corner Plot
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £99,950

Pargeter Road, Bearwood

- A Tastefully Presented Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Landscaped Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £139,950

Bowling Green Drive, Smethwick

- A Three Bedroom Link Detached
- Beautifully Presented
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £199,950

Tiverton Road, Smethwick

- An End Terrace Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Views Across Victoria Park
- Guest W.C

Offers in the region of £150,000

Hagley Road, Edgbaston

- A Charming Traditional Detached
- Six Bedrooms to Include Annex
- Modern Bathroom
- Beautiful Extensive Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £725,000

Beakes Road, Bearwood

- Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen

Offers in the region of £109,950

Barclay Road, Bearwood

- A Well Presented Semi-detached
- Two Bedrooms + Study
- Directly Opposite Warley Woods
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £189,950

Mayfield Crescent, Rowley Regis

- A Three Bedroom Semi
- Requires Modernisation
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £74,950

Abbey Crescent, Oldbury

- A Three Bedroom Semi
- Close to Warley Woods
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Off Road Parking

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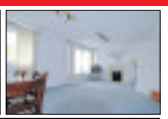

Ormsby Court, Edgbaston
- Beautiful Apartment
- 1st Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Part Furnished
- Close To Harborne
- Sought After Location

£795 PCM

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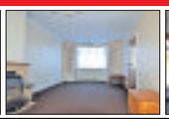

Quinton Road West, Quinton
- Excellent Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Unfurnished
- Newly Refurbished
- Garage & Driveway

£675 PCM

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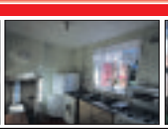

Watsons Green Road, Dudley
- Attractive Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Central To Local Schools
- Short Walk To Dudley

£550 PCM

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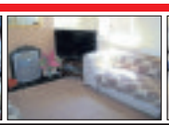

Church Road, Smethwick
- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Furnished
- Ideal For Schools
- Close To Bearwood
- Must Be Viewed

£550 PCM

NEW

Three Shires Oak Road, Bearwood
- Attractive Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Excellent Transport Links
- Off Bearwood High St.
- Must Be Viewed

£525 PCM

NEW

Oakwood Road, Smethwick
- Excellent Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Attic /Study Room
- Furnished
- Garage
- Must Be Viewed

£525 PCM

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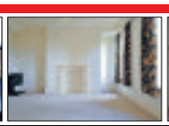


South Road, Smethwick
- Spacious Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Over Two Floors
- Unfurnished
- Excellent Transport Links
- Off Smethwick High St.

£495 PCM

Old Church Road, Harborne

NEW

- Spacious Detached Property
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Unfurnished

£799 PCM

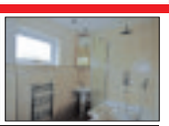
South Road, Smethwick

NEW

- Spacious Flat
- One Bedroom
- 2nd Floor

£395 PCM

NEW PRICE



Pembridge Close, Bartley Green
- Excellent Three Bed House
- Fully Refurbished
- Allocated Parking
- Unfurnished
- Ideal For Local Schools
- Must Be Viewed

£595 PCM

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SUPPLIERS OF INDEPENDENT MARKET SHARE REPORTS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES

TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Internal inspection highly recommended
- Excellently presented detached
- Spacious lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off street parking to front
- Good sized rear garden

Offers based on £154,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HOLLY LANE, SMETHWICK

- Deceptively spacious traditional style freehold semi-detached residence
- Pleasant location adjacent to Holly Lodge & West Smethwick Park
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Extended ground floor to include hall, sitting room, lounge/dining room and good size fully fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom with shower to the first floor plus separate W.C.
- Attractive mature gardens
- Good range of day-to-day amenities to hand

Offers based on £139,950

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46 HALL ROAD, SMETHWICK

A superbly presented freehold semi-detached property located in this established neighbourhood and being convenient for comprehensive day-to-day amenities, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom with electric shower, hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, lean-to, downstairs W.C., impressive garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the front, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £139,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT THIMBLEMILL RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE THIMBLEMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 6NR ON WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2012 AT 6.30PM

Anticipated Price Range

Lot 1: 10 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HY
Freehold 3 bedroomed double glazed villa needing modernisation .....circa. £90,000

Lot 2: 51 THE UPLANDS, SMETHWICK, B67 6B
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced requiring refurbishment .....£60 - 65,000

Lot 3: 52 ALBRIGHT ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 9NH
Freehold double fronted semi-detached with central heating in need of further improvement.....circa. £80,000

Lot 4: 66 POWKE LANE, ROWLEY REGIS, B65 0AG
2 bedroomed semi-detached with double glazing and central heating .....£45 - 50,000

Lot 5: 308 POUND ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8NG
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed semi-detached .....£80 - 85,000

Lot 6: 125 POTTERY ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 9HE
Freehold investment, centrally heated and double glazed, 2 self-contained flats.....circa. £100,000

Lot 7: 73 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HZ
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed villa, needing refurbishment .circa £80,000

Lot 8: 102 SYDENHAM ROAD, SMETHWICK, B66 2DF
3 bedroomed terraced with central heating and double glazing.....circa £69,500

Lot 9: 157 HURST ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6LZ
Freehold end town house with 3 bedrooms, extended and fully modernised .....£110 - 115,000

Lot 10: 13 JACMAR CRESCENT, SMETHWICK, B67 7LF
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed semi with garage, needing improvement .....circa. £100,000

Lot 11: 145 GILLOTT ROAD, EDGBASTON, B16 0ET
Freehold centrally heated and mostly double glazed, 3 bedroomed detached, needing improvement .....£130 - 140,000

Lot 12: 57 KNOTSALL LANE, OLDBURY, B68 9LG
Individual freehold 2 bedroomed detached needing improvement .....£140 - 150,000

Lot 13: 74 LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5BE
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced needing full modernisation .....£75 - 80,000

Lot 14: 81 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HR
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of modernisation .....£85 - 90,000

BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY

- Superbly presented freehold link-detached
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom with electric shower
- Superb through lounge/dining room
- Excellent conservatory
- Refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out gardens to the rear
- Side garage and off-street parking for two cars
- Internal inspection essential

Offers based on £214,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CHESHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Traditional terraced close Smethwick High Street
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

Offers based on £110,000

Viewing via Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Through lounge/dining room, Kitchen and utility
- Two garages, Gardens to front and rear
- Off-street parking
- Potential for extensions, subject to planning consent
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- First floor leasehold flat
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan fitted kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom
- On the doorstep of Bearwood High Street
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £79,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in this popular location a modern link detached property being close to both the Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, offering gas centrally hated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, ground floor shower room, garage and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking to the front for up to four cars, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing ideal family accommodation.

Offers based on £214,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

FOWLER CLOSE, SMETHWICK

- Freehold detached property
- Located close to Smethwick High Street
- Central heating and PVC double glazing
- 3 bedrooms and bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Hall, lounge and open plan dining/kitchen
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars

Offers based on £149,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

GALTON ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Traditional style freehold terraced villa
- Extremely popular residential location close to Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods
- Spacious double glazed and centrally heated accommodation
- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, hall, two living rooms, good size kitchen and gardens
- Improvement programme commenced but incomplete

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BRISBANE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Spacious mid town house
- 3 bedrooms
- First floor bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Open plan lounge
- Off street parking to front
- Gardens.

Offers based on £103,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

WHEATLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- In need of cosmetic improvement

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

FORGE WAY, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented modern semi detached
- Full internal inspection recommended
- fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- conservatory
- good sized gardens
- garage

Offers in excess of £155,000

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West Bromwich

Whittington Close

Well Presented First Floor Maisonette. Briefily comprising of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended.

£75,000

Wednesbury

Old College Drive

Two Bedroom Apartment. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En suite, Family Bathroom and Allocated Parking.

£79,950

Wednesbury

Coronation Road

Well Presented Mid Terrace Property, Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Up Stairs Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden. Viewing essential.

OIEO £90,000

Wednesbury

Rooth Street

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House The property boasts a Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen and Bathroom to the Ground Floor, three bedrooms to the first floor and to the exterior benefits from rear garden.

OIEO £100,000

West Bromwich

Horsecroft Drive

WortonKelly the Premier Estate Agent in West Bromwich are pleased to offer For Sale this Immaculately presented, Modern End Terraced House which briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Driveway Central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing is Essential.

OIEO £105,000

West Bromwich

Ash Drive

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Central heating and Double Glazing, Front And Rear Gardens and Garage. Offering No Upward Chain. Viewing is essential.

£110,000

West Bromwich

Gorsty Close

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathrooms, Off Road Parking, Double Glazed and Central Heating.

£120,000

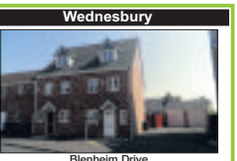
West Bromwich

Hollyhedge Road

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing.

£134,950

Wednesbury



Blenheim Drive

Immaculately presented Semi Detached Property. This Family Home briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, En-suite, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking with Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazed. Viewings Highly Recommended.

£145,000

West Bromwich

Temple Meadows Road

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage at Rear, Double Glazing and Central Heating and Off Road Parking.

£150,000

West Bromwich

95 Stanley Road

Immaculately Presented Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Through Lounge, Extended Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Double Garage At Rear, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property.

£150,000

West Bromwich

Hollyhedge Road

Excellent Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Parking, Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens. Viewing essential to appreciate this accommodation.

£195,000

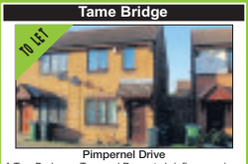
West Bromwich

Charlemont Road

A Well Presented One Bedroom Flat. Briefly comprising of Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, One Bedroom, Study and Two Shower Rooms. 6 Months - Long Term. Available Immediately. DSS Considered

£400 PCM

Tame Bridge



Pimpernel Drive

A Two Bedroom Terraced Property briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Private Rear Garden and Driveway to Front. Available Immediately from 6 months to Long Term - DSS Considered

£500 PCM

Oldbury

Brandhall Court

A Spacious, First Floor Split Level Flat offering Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Shower Room, Communal parking and Gardens . Viewing is essential to appreciate this property. Available November - DSS Considered

£525 PCM

Oldbury

Wolverhampton Road

A Well Presented Semi-Detached House. Briefely comprising of Three Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Available Immediately, 6 Months - Long Term - DSS Considered

£550 PCM

West Bromwich

Sheridon Street

Three Bedroom Mid terraced property. Briefly comprising of , Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Family Bathrooms, Three Bedrooms and Rear Garden. Double Glazed and Central Heating. Available immediately 6 months to long term. Viewing highly recommended, DSS considered.

£550 PCM

Oldbury

Bromford Road

Executive Two Bedroom Modern Apartment located on the first floor of the block. The property briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms and Master having En Suite, Large Lounge, Modern Kitchen, Communal Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Available from November for six months to long term.

£595

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Gowshall Drive, Oldbury

Three bedroom former Taylor Wimpey styled home. Briefly comprises of:- entrance hall, cloakroom, reception room, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and fitted wardrobes, family bathroom, driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens, Property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). Viewing highly recommended.

£169,950

Mckean Road, Oldbury

This property is situated on a corner location of McKean Road, the downstairs accommodation is still the original shop front offering potential conversion into a separate flat (subject to planning etc). The Four Bedroomed accommodation is accessed via the side, comprising: Four Bedrooms, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining, Central heating where specified, Double glazing where specified, and Court yard to side and rear.

£139,950

CEMETERY ROAD, OLDBURY

A Two/Three Bedroom family home highly maintained to a good standard offering: lounge, dining kitchen, good sized conservatory, family bathroom, low maintenance rear garden and block paved drive to front. With double glazing and central heating where specified.

£115,000

LANDSWOOD ROAD,OLDBURY

-Traditional semi-detached three bedroom house
-Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed
-Benefits from a spacious Through Lounge/Dining Room & Extended Breakfast Kitchen
-Two Double & one Single sized Bedrooms
-Fitted Family Bathroom with Mixer Shower
-Off Road Parking upon Driveway for two vehicles, single integral Garage to side & sizeable Patio with Enclosed Gardens to rear VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£162,950

Brades Close, Tividale, West Midlands

Semi detached property
Three Bedrooms
Large lounge
Double glazing
Central heating
Off road parking

£550 PCM

Greenwood Avenue, Rowley Regis

A modern and well presented Semi-detached home offering: Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom, Rear Garden and off road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£550

32 BROADMOOR AVENUE,OLDBURY

This impressive three bedroom semi-detached house is located within quiet, yet much sought after position benefitting from views over public open space to the front. Briefly comprises of:- entrance hallway, reception room, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, side access passageway, three bedrooms, family bathroom with separate shower enclosure, off road parking on driveway for one vehicle, well maintained front and rear gardens not overlooked from either front or rear. Property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing (where specified).

£129,950

BARNFORD HILL CLOSE, OLDBURY

Modern detached house in this sought after residential location. Through lounge,dining room/bedroom five, four bedrooms, re-fitted breakfast kitchen,downstairs cloakroom,bathroom with separate shower.Garage and off road parking, double glazing, gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation, Internial inspection recommended.

£219,950

Red Lion Close, Tividale

Modern semi-detached house on the popular Castle View Estate at Tividale. Having the benefit of replacement double glazing and night storage heating. Porch, entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Integral garage, off road parking and established rear garden.

£124,950

SILVERTREES ROAD, TIPTON

Modern detached house offering spacious family accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating throughout. Comprising entance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms, ensuite shower room, family bathroom. Garage and parking. Established gardens. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£199,950

Macdonald Road, Tividale, West Midlands

Semi detached property
Two Bedrooms
One reception room
Double glazing
Central heating
Kitchen
Bathroom
Rear Garden
Off road parking

£525 PCM

Linden Avenue, Tividale, West Midlands

Semi-detached property
Three Bedrooms
Double glazing where specified
Central heating where specified
Off road parking
Bathroom
Kitchen

£525 PCM

Vicarage Street, Oldbury

A traditional Mid-terraced home offering spacious accomodation including: Three Bedrooms, Three Reception rooms, Fitted Kitchen, and downstairs Bathroom. Viewing highly recommended.

£109,950

BARNFORD CRESCENT, OLDBURY

•NO UPWARD CHAIN•. An impressive, extended and finished to a high standard Four Bedroomed family home benefits from: Lounge, Kitchen/Dining room, Utility room, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms - One with En-Suite facilities, Central heating as specified, Golden Oak Double glazing as specified, Block paved good sized driveway, and rear Garden with decked area. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£219,950

Langley Green Road

A modern styled Three Bed-Roomed Semi-Detached property being in excellent and immaculate condition having been renovated throughout. Property comprises: Three Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, Allocated Parking to front, Garden, Storage Heating where indicated, Alarm system, Double Glazing throughout.

£142,950

Florence Road, Oldbury, B69 2DN

A spacious Bungalow which must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation. Comprising: Hall, Front Lounge, Dining room, fitted kitchen,two bedrooms (master with en-suite), bathroom, third bedroom with en suite shower room, side garage, off road parking, rear garden. No upward chain.

£189,950

BIRMINGHAM STREET, OLDBURY

400 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE/SHOP SPACE SITUATED IN OLDBURY TOWN CENTRE

VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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Vicarage Street, Oldbury

A mid-terraced two bedroom house benefiting from off road parking, central heating where specified, double glazing where specified, kitchen, bathroom, and reception room.

£500 pcm

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Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Extended Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear. Porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Arthur Road, Tipton — NEW

Corner position end terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, shower room, separate toilet, garage and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Silvertrees Road, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached occupying an excellent corner position. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and immaculate spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, crete-print driveway, garage and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £209,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bean Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern 2.5 storey Town House offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and rear garden. No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

New Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional end terrace in need of repair / attention. Offering upvc double glazing and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room / kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lara Grove, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi detached offering gas central heating and no upward chain. Situated in a sought after cul de sac location, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lissimore Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Executive style Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and sought after cul de sac location. Immaculate internal spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, block paved double driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £214,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Toll End Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious accommodation briefly comprising, lounge, cellar, living room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms and rear garden. Possible investment potential with current tenant £500 per calender month.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lindley Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Extended traditional semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear. Sought after location whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, rear garden and garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

East Street, Dudley — NEW

Detached Bungalow offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, side porch, 2 bedrooms, shower room, driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Kingfisher Way, Tipton — NEW

NOTICE OF SITTER Apartment 5, Kingfisher House, Kingfisher Way and parking space, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 8EP By order of the mortgagees in possession, we would advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £62,500. Any person wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents or their solicitors prior to exchange of contracts. Paul Dubberley and Co, 75 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF - tel 0121 522 3733
OFFERS AROUND: £62,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Silvertrees Road, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £197,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Myvod Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- An extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS OVER: £105,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manifold Way, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Modern 1st Floor Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £45,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Osborne Drive, Victoria Mews, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Ridding Lane, Wednesbury

- A Truly Delightful 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge with Characterful Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Church Hill, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Traditional Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Short Distance to Wednesbury Town Centre

OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Moxley Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified.)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS OVER: £110,000
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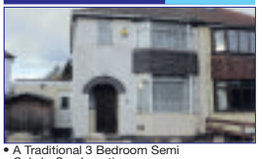
YORK CRESCENT, WEDNESBURY — NEW



- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas CEntral Heating 7 Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Castleview Road, Bilston

- A 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Private Garden to The Rear

OFFERS AROUND: £59,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Riverway, Wednesbury

- Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!
- Corner Plot Overlooking Greenery

OFFERS AROUND: £160,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Blakedon Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Chain!
- Popular Cul-de-Sac
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as spec.)

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manifold Way, Wednesbury

- A Modern 2nd Floor Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £49,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wood Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- In Need of a Bit of Love!
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS OVER: £80,000
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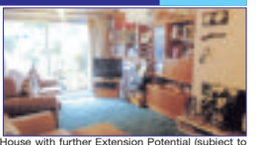
Coles Lane — NEW



An Extended Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House with further Extension Potential (subject to planning permission) Offering Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Extended Lounge with patio doors to rear garden, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, 92ft Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Extended Side Garage with WC off.
Viewing 0121 525 2111
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995

York Crescent, West Bromwich — NEW

A Well Presented Modern Semi Detached House within this popular development. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge/ Diner, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £147,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Rydding Square, West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractive, Deceptively Spacious, Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Study/ Cloak Room, Through Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom/ WC, Low Maintenance Rear Garden and Garage to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

The Broadway, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House, situated on a large plot at the head of a quiet cul de sac. Extended on both floors to provide excellent ground floor accommodation and 3 double bedrooms on the first floor. Centrally Heated, Majority Double Glazed and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Diner, Covered Utility with access & WC, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Garden to front and south west facing rear garden with hardstanding for caravan/ boat and Rear Vehicle Access to Double Garage with inspection pit.
OFFERS IN EXCESS : £130,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Meyrick Road, West Bromwich

A Modern, 3/4 Bedroom 3 Story Town House offering Good Family Sized Accommodation. Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks WC, Utility, Ground Floor Bedroom, Landing with WC, Lounge, 'L' Shaped Kitchen Diner, Master Bedroom with En suite, 2 further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Morris Street, West Bromwich

A Well Presented Modern End Terraced House, Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Excellent Location for Town Centre and Transport Links. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Large Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Whitgreave Street, West Bromwich

A Modernised Extended Traditional Semi Detached House offering Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Open Plan Lounge & Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, First Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Charlemont Avenue, West Bromwich

An Extended Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House within a popular cul de sac. Having Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Integral porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended/ Kitchen Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Tiered Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £174,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Witton Lane, West Bromwich

!!!!!! THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS !!!!!! A Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed Detached House comprising Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room/Wc, Off road parking to front and Large Garage to the rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £128,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Margaret Street, West Bromwich

A recently refurbished and redecorated mid terraced property. Excellent location near West Bromwich Town Centre. No Upward Chain. The property is a deceptively spacious two bedroom mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating and comprises two reception rooms, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, two bedrooms, front and rear garden.
OFFERS IN EXCESS: £80,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Oak Lane, West Bromwich

Priced for a Quick Sale. A 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Rear Garden. Excellent Town Centre Location.
OFFERS AROUND: £77,000
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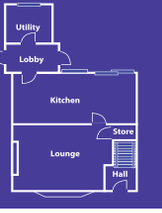

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Phoenix Rise Wednesbury

A well presented one bedroom first floor flat for rent. The property has been recently decorated throughout and features a private entrance, communal parking, outside storage cupboard and electric heating. DHSS ACCEPTED

£330 pcm

The Moorings Oldbury

A well presented modern duplex apartment in popular private canal side location, double glazing, stotage heating, first floor hallway with spiral staircase to upper floor landing, lounge with balcony, fitted kitchen, one bedroom, shower-room, allocated parking space, no DSS.

£345 pcm

Oak Close Tipton

Purpose Built Ground Floor Flat having upvc double glazing and improved internal accommodation. Open plan lounge / fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and garage.

£395 pcm

Ferguson Drive Tipton

A Fully Furnished One Bedroom Modern Top Floor Appartment having separate entrance door with stairway. Electric Heating and Double Glazing and briefly comprising Lounge with laminate floor, settee, glass cabinet, glass coffee table, TV and TV Stand, feature colour changing fire, Bedroom having Double Bed, 2 Wardrobes and Bedside Drawers, Kitchen having Oven and Hob, Fridge, Washer/Drier, Bathroom with panelled bath, Shower over Bath, Low Level WC and Wash Hand Basin. One allocated car parking space. Viewing highly rec-

£395 pcm

Lower Forster Street Walsall

•span style="line-height: 115%; font-family: arial,sans-serif; color: +333333; font-size: 8.5pt;"> The property is situated on the north western side of Lower Forster Street in a mixed commercial and residential locality approximately one quarter of a mile from Walsall town centre.
DESCRIPTION The property comprises a two storey inner terraced office building of brick construction with a pitched roof. Pay and Display on street car parking is available immediately outside, car parking permits may

£425 pcm

Newbridge Crescent Wolverhampton

A well presented one bedroom apartment, situated in a desirable neighbourhood just a short distance from Tettenhall Green and with easy access to the City centre. This impressive property is finished to a good standard and offers a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, No •span id="RadESpellError_4" class="RadEWrongWord">Dss•/span>.

£430 pcm

Regent Street Smethwick

Well presented Modern First Floor Apartment which benefits from upvc double glazing & electric storage heating: Close to local amenities and transport links, briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built in appliances, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom and Allocated Parking Space.

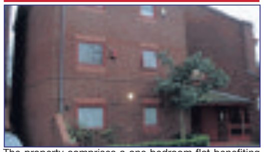
£440 pcm

Crown Court Darlaston

A modern semi-detached residence, situated in a quiet cul de sac and briefly comprises of reception, lounge, dining kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom/wc, small lawned foregarden, rear garden, car space. Dss considered

£450 pcm

Mountbatten Close West Bromwich



The property comprises a one bedroom flat benefiting from central heating. The accomodation includes reception hall with storage room off, lounge, fitted kitchen with, fridge, freezer, gas cooker and microwave, bathroom with electric shower. Off road parking. Part Furnished

£450 pcm

Newbridge Crescent Wolverhampton

A well presented one bedroom apartment, situated in a desirable nieghbourhood just a short distance from Tettenhall Green and with easy access to the City centre. This impressive property is finished to a good standard and offers a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, No Dss.

£450 pcm

Simmonds Place Wednesbury

A good sized three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of double glazing, gas central heating and cul-de-sac location. The property further comprises porch, lounge, guest W.C, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom and front and rear gardens.

£450 pcm

Jefferson Place West Bromwich

A modern Fully Furnished one bedroom appartment with electric heating, double glazing,allocated car parking space and security entrance doors. The property comprises, reception hall, lounge/ kitchen with built in oven, hob& extractor, washing machine and fridge. One double bedroom with built in mirrored wardrobes and bathroom with bath, wash basin & wc.View 0121 525 5520

£475 pcm

Sycamore Road Tipton

A well presented two bedroom traditional semi detached property offering a spacious layout and refurbished to a good standard which requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accomodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Driveway, Garden, Dg and Gch.

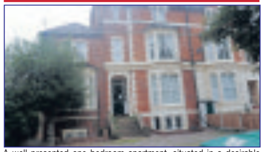
£475 pcm

Blenheim Drive Wednesbury

A Modern two bedroom 2nd floor appartment having the benefit of electric heating and double glazing. Further comprising lounge, dining area, open plan kitchen with oven and hob, bathroom with shower, parking space.

£475 pcm

Newbridge Crescent Wolverhampton



A well presented one bedroom apartment, situated in a desirable nieghbourhood just a short distance from Tettenhall Green and with easy access to the City centre. This impressive property is finished to a good standard and offers a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, No Dss. Furnished

£475 pcm

Paddington Road Birmingham

A traditional two bedroom bay fronted terraced property, Comprising of Two reception rooms, Fitted kitchen, Family bathroom, Good size bedrooms, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£475 pcm

63-63 Bloxwich Road South Willenhall

Luxury 2 bedroom spacious apartments having the benefit of UPVC double & triple glazing, gas central heating & intruder alarm. These splendid larger than average properties briefly comprise, reception hall, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with intergrated appliances, two bedrooms (ensuite shower room to master), bathroom/wc & allocated parking spaces.

£495 pcm

Moat Road Tipton

Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, Porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore and rear gardens. No Dss

£495 pcm

Mount Pleasant Bilston

A well presented and much improved two bedrooms floor flat, offering a good standard of accommodation and in a central location with easy access to local amenities and transport links. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted dining kitchen, Guest wc, Utility, Ensuite bathroom, Garden, Parking, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

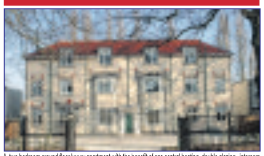
£495 pcm

Shaw Road Tipton

A semi detatched property which benefits from central heating and part double glazing. Briefley comprising reception hall, open plan through lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, and three bedrooms. The accomodation has off road parking and front garden and an enclosed rear garden.

£495 pcm

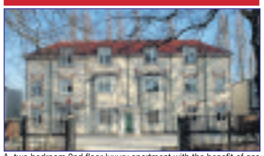
63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom ground floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven / hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom / wc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom 2nd floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge/fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/wc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

Slim Avenue Bilston

A 3 bedroom semi detached home benefitting from gas central heating and double glazing and located in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The home briefly comprises; reception hall, lounge with feature frieplace, fitted kitchen, rear conservatory, 3 bedrooms and a family bathroom.

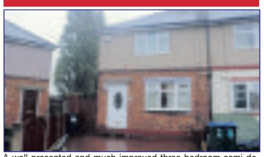
£525 pcm

Waddens Brook Lane Wolverhampton

A modern style three bedroom semi detached property, Just a short distance from excellent local amenities and transport links. The property offers a spacious layout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Further reception room, Good size bedrooms, Dg and Gch, No Dss.

£550 pcm

Richard Williams Road Wednesbury



A well presented and much improved three bedroom semi detached property, Situated in a quiet cul de sac location close to excellent local amenities and transport links. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Three good size bedrooms, Private rear garden, Driveway, Dg and Gch. No Dss

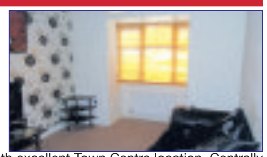
£550 pcm

Tyler Road

★★ 3 Bedroom end terrace property ★★, entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, 1st floor bathroom, central heating and part double glazing, driveway and rear garden,

£550 pcm

Duke Street



An Attractive Modern Mid Terraced House with excellent Town Centre location. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Ensuite Master Bedroom, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage and Driveway to Rear. DSS CONSIDERED

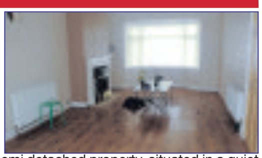
£575 pcm

Beech Road Wednesbury

A •span id="RadESpellError_0" class="RadEWrongWord">suprisingly•/span> spacious 4 bedroom semi detached home occupying generous plot. The property is double glazed (as specified) and centrally heated. The accommodation briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 4 bedrooms, 1st floor•span id="RadESpellError_1" class="RadEWrongWord">wc•/span>, enclosed rear garden and off road

£595 pcm

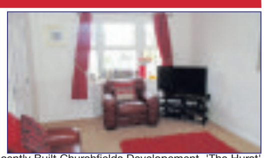
Freda Road



a much improved extended three bedroom semi detached property, situated in a quiet cul de sac this impressive property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Front and rear gardens, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£600 pcm

Bassett Crescent West Bromwich



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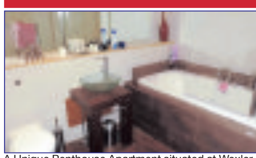
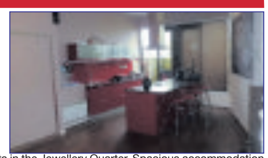
£850 pcm

Carver Street





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Smethwick £215,000 — Reduced

Montague Road
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Edgbaston £185,000 — Reduced

City Road
A spacious three storey semi detached property comprising vestibule, entrance hallway, through lounge, further reception room, kitchen diner, ground floor shower room, five double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom with separate toilet, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). NO CHAIN

Smethwick £95,000 — NEW

Raglan Road
A first floor double fronted maisonette briefly comprising of lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, gas fired central heating system and communal front and rear gardens.

Edgbaston £250,000 — NEW

Newham Road
This extended 1930s 3/4 bed semi detached house has a delightful garden in a sought-after cul-de-sac location. Comprises: open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge & a generous office/4th bedroom, 3 good-sized upstairs bedrooms retaining many original features. Multi off road parking. VIEWING ESSENTIAL.

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Oldbury Tividale £114,950 — NEW

City Road
Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom end terraced property having two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, off road parking, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Smethwick £108,000 — NEW

Sabel Road
A TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY LOCATED OFF ST PAULS ROAD / SMETHWICK HIGH STREET having two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, downstairs wet room, rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Edgbaston £229,950 — NEW

Gillott Road
A very well presented and much improved detached family home in the desirable suburb of Edgbaston. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises entrance porch, impressive hallway, lounge, second sitting room, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom. Outside: garage, off road parking, gardens to front and rear.

Smethwick £99,950 — NEW

Dibble Road
A well maintained two bedroom end terraced property in a convenient and popular residential location. The accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two first floor bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside are garden areas to the front and rear.

Bearwood £124,950 — NEW

Gladys Road
A unique opportunity to purchase a three bedroom mid terraced property having land to the side offering potential off road parking and/or further developments. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing, the accommodation comprises: lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside forecourt garden to front, courtyard garden to rear and land to side.

Birmingham £102,000 — Reduced

Hamberley Court
A mid terraced property comprising entrance hallway, reception room, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Oldbury £85,000 — NEW

BrookFields Road
Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached property on a corner plot location having lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. IN NEED OF MODERNISATION. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Birmingham £104,950 — Reduced

Heath Street
A semi detached property comprising through lounge, re-fitted kitchen, two bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front driveway, rear garden, NO CHAIN.

Edgbaston £59,950 — Reduced

Broadway Plaza, Francis Road
A one bedroom ground floor flat in a popular and convenient residential location. Benefiting from double glazing the accommodation comprises open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, bedroom and bathroom.

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Oldbury £79,950 — NEW

Longbank Road
Connells are pleased to market this 3 bedroom semi having no upward chain and needing general upgrading, having ground floor bathroom, lounge, kitchen, front and rear garden, rear access proving parking in the garden.

Oldbury £220,000

Brandhall Road
A VERY WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED PROPERTY IN A DESIRABLE LOCATION having a through lounge, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, upstairs bathroom, storm porch, garage to side of property with off road parking, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. •VIEWING IS ADVISED•

Tividale £209,950 — Reduced

Darbyshill Road
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Wednesbury £70,000 — NEW

Lowe Avenue
A three bedroom semi detached property benefiting from No Upward Chain briefly comprising of, double glazing and central heating (as specified), entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor shower room, enclosed rear garden, driveway.

Tipton £62,000

Coronation Road
A three bedroom semi detached property benefiting from No Upward Chain briefly comprising of double glazing and central heating (as specified), lounge, kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

Wednesbury £69,995

Moor Street
A three bedroom semi detached property benefiting from No Upward Chain briefly comprising of double glazing and central heating (as specified), lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

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Wednesbury £74,950 — Reduced

Willingsworth Road
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Wednesbury £79,950 — Reduced

The Close
A three bedroom semi-detached property benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden.

Wednesbury £69,950

Mill Street
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Wednesbury £79,950 — Reduced

Dorsett Road
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Willingsworth Road
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Wednesbury £124,995 — Reduced

Richards Street
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West Bromwich £72,500 — NEW

Cambridge Street
A two bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

West bromwich £110,000 — Reduced

Abbey Close
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West Bromwich £107,000 — NEW

The Sidings
A modern two bedroom detached coach house briefly comprising of, double glazing and central heating (as specified) open plan lounge/kitchen, bathroom, allocated parking space.

West Bromwich £145,000 — NEW

Hall Green Road
A traditional style 3 bedroom semi detached, briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating,through lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, utility room, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and driveway providing off road parking. ••• NO UPWARD CHAIN •••

West Bromwich £85,000

Harrington Croft
••• NO UPWARD CHAIN ••• A modern style 2 bedroom ground floor apartment, briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating, lounge, kitchen,bathroom, allocated parking

West Bromwich £107,500

Vowles Road
A well located town house offering NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property benefits from three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, guests cloakroom, family bathroom, lounge/dining room, enclosed rear garden.

West Bromwich £147,950 — NEW

York Crescent
A three bedroom semi detached house comprising: entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, garage, off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing.

West Bromwich £68,000

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WRENS AVENUE

A detached property requiring some updating and improvement, porch entrance into reception hall stores off, two reception room, kitchen, conservatory, garage to side. Staircase from hall to three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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SMETHWICK

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Jeep borrows the chunky styling of the SRT for its new addition to the Cherokee range

New contender muscles in to premium SUV race

PLANS to continue the success of the Jeep range of 4x4s have been announced, with details of a new Grand Cherokee 'Sports Line' version, the S-Limited.

Designed to sit in the 'sports-styled' premium SUV segment, the new S-Limited will offer muscular sports styling, without the large capacity petrol engines seen in the 6.4-litre V8-powered Grand Cherokee SRT.

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Powered by Jeep's 237bhp, 2987cc V6 CRD diesel engine with 1.8-bar injectors and MultiJet II technology developed by Fiat Powertrain, the new Grand Cherokee S-Limited will cost £44,595 (OTR) when it goes on sale this month.

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A capital plan for Nissan's Combi van

The centre and rear rows of seats are capable of being folded down

The NV200 could save taxi drivers cash and reduce CO2 emissions

ONE of London's most familiar sights could soon have a new look as car maker Nissan aims to clean up in the capital.

The company's NV200 – currently sold as a van or passenger-carrying 'combi' model – is a front-runner in the race to replace the aging 'black cab'.

It already serves as a taxi in two other capital cities and Nissan has previous experience of London cabs, as it made the diesel engines for a whole generation of the iconic vehicles. Its European design centre is also based in London.

By John Griffiths

The specially modified (to meet taxi licensing regulations) NV200 should go down well with drivers because of its average 53mpg which, according to Nissan, could save each cabbie up to £700 a year. But it would also be a breath of fresh air for the city, saving almost 38,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions and 20 tonnes of diesel particulates.

While the vehicle has won a number of industry awards as a van, it's also a value for more choice as a well-equipped people carrier with top spec models for a £20,000. The flagship model has seven seats, with the centre and rear rows capable of being folded down to juggle between the needs of passengers and cargo like rivals such as the VW Touran.

Parking

The large side windows with darkened 'privacy glass' are the main visual clue to the Combi's identity. Inside, it's well-equipped and light and agile to drive. In spite of its van alter-ego, the NV200 is actually based on a car platform developed jointly by Nissan and Renault which contributes to its car-like driving characteristics.

Its relatively low floor (to enable easy loading and more cargo room in the van version) are a bonus feature for passengers, as are the two large sliding doors which make for easy access, parking in the confines of a busy car park. There is, of course, Nissan's now familiar rear camera and extra assistance from the power steering at low speeds.

The power comes from a 1.5 litre turbo diesel (based on Renault's familiar 1.5dCi) with 89PS of power, which doesn't sound a lot for a vehicle of this size, but it's 200NM of torque moves it along smoothly and with plenty of flexibility for relaxed driving without too much gearshifting.

Nissan have the balance between everyday performance and economy just about right – as illustrated by the 53mpg average and the relatively low 138g/km of CO2 emissions. As a point of interest, that compares to 240g/km for the current black cab so you can see why it's likely to find favour with drivers and environmentalists.

The driving position is quite high, for good visibility, but otherwise the NV200 doesn't feel any bigger than the average hatchback. The steering is light, and the gear lever, in its raised position on the centre console, falls readily to hand. On the SE+ model tested the console also included the SatNav screen, which doubles as the rear view camera screen as soon as you engage reverse.

This flagship model also has safety features such as stability control, ABS, brake assist, brake force distribution and four airbags as standard. There is also climate control, an audio system with Blue Tooth connectivity and climate control as well as features such as remote central locking and electric windows which we've all come to expect.

It also has cruise control and a driver adjustable speed limiter to help you keep on the right side of the law.

Adjustable

The Combi range starts at £17,293 for the five-seater model, rising to £20,173 for the flagship SE+ seven-seater tested. All of them share the same engine and drivetrain, but Nissan has already announced that a full electric version – based on the award-winning Leaf's technology and with a similar range and performance – goes into production next year.

The name NV200 doesn't exactly trip off the tongue, but bearing in mind the inroads it has made into the world of cargo and people transport since its launch three years ago, iy may well become one we're all familiar with soon.

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Nissan NV200 Combi SE+

Powertain: 1.5 litre turbo diesel with 89PS of power and 200Nm of torque driving the front wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox.

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Fascination with the first sighting of the new Mokka

Vauxhall's new Mokka looks neat and tidy

By Ian Donaldson

NO sooner had we pulled into a layby on the autobahn north of Hamburg to swap drivers on the launch of Vauxhall's new Mokka than the couple in an Opel parked ahead of us got out and started towards our car.

Minutes before, they'd passed us (both cars 'enjoying' the lack of a speed limit on this stretch of motorway) and were clearly fascinated with their first sight of the Mokka, especially as ours carried Vauxhall badges, not the lightning flash of the Opel brand, German sister to the British machines with a Luton base.

Turned out the couple, just into retirement, had both worked for Opel at its HQ and wanted a look at the newcomer. They liked it and may already have added the Mokka to the list of possible Opels for consideration at car change time. With limbs less supple than in younger days, a tallish car like the Mokka would ease their entry and exit. Building it taller will help with putting much younger passengers on board too, as mum or dad leans in to belt the little 'uns into their seats.

And ages in between might find the added space of this small SUV fits their life well. Thousands more motorists all over Europe are finding SUVs the answer these days, turning this part of the car market into a profitable playground for the makers of everything from the Skoda Yeti to Nissan Duke.

Both are formidable competition for Vauxhall's first entry into this healthily expanding sector. At first glance it looks as though the Mokka is off to a promising start. It looks neat and tidy, even if (unlike the car-spotting ex-Opel employees) it isn't going to catch the eye of passing motorists. Inside, this Korean built but German designed machine, looks rather severe and sensible in a typically Teutonic manner, but very nicely put together.

Promising start

Priced from £15,995, it comes with the choice of two petrol engines (1.4 and 1.6 litres) and a 1.7 litre diesel, with the latter likely to take more than half the sales in the UK. You can order your Mokka with all-wheel drive, the rears kicking in automatically when the front tyres start to lose traction, perhaps on the wet grass of a temporary car park or on a snowy drive to work. Approaching half of all British buyers are expected to take the all-wheel-drive route.

What engine drives those wheels depends on the buyer's needs and depth of pocket and, with the evidence of my ears, how much he or she values a quiet cockpit. The diesel Mokka, tried first, was never less than gruff (at a British motorway cruise) but ask it to accelerate from any speed and gruff turns to an irritating growl. It was enough to make me keen to try a petrol model as soon as possible.

Ah! That's better was my instant reaction. Because it's got petrol in its veins, the engine needs to be worked harder than the diesel but it stayed (much) quieter all the same. Mum might now hear the pleas of her little angels in the backseats about stopping for a burger.

Namecheck: Why Mokka? The best answer from the Vauxhall brass involved an association with mocha coffee, a caffe latte variant with added chocolate. But they really weren't sure.

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Vauxhall is green with pride over their Corsa

The new Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex will be greener than any Vauxhall apart from the Ampera

VAUXHALL has announced a new variant of the Corsa with lower CO2 emissions than any production by the company except the Ampera.

Producing just 88g/km of carbon dioxide in three-door form, the latest Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex's figures are 26 per cent lower than those of the first Corsa EcoFlex five years ago.

Peak combined fuel consumption for the new model is 85.6mpg, again for the lighter three-door model.

A five-door version is available with efficiency statistics of 89g/km and 83.1mpg.

The three-door represents a 6g/km and 2.4mpg improvement over the 2011 version of the same car.

All the improvements have come through small upgrades within the engine circuit.

Power and torque from the diesel engine stand at 94bhp and 140lb/ft, the latter of which is available in the ideal rev range, from 1,750 to 3,250rpm.

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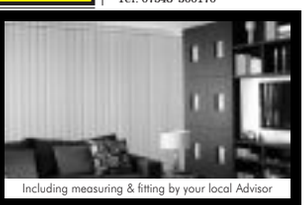
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

An application for a Premises Licence has been made by Mr A Hannan (H) to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in respect of premises known as 'Hanz' Spice Lounge Ltd which are situated at 3 Owen Street, Tipton, DY4 8TZ.

The proposed application is as follows:

1. Premises Alcohol Licence

2. Late Extended Operating Times

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A record of the application may be inspected at Trading Standards and Licensing Section, Unit 33 Coneygree Road, Tipton, DY4 8XR during normal office hours Monday to Friday.

Any representations by interested parties or responsible authorities regarding the application must be made in writing to: The Licensing Team, Unit 33 Coneygree Road, Tipton DY4 8XR by the 29th November 2012.

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Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

The Council are of the opinion that the proposal may affect the setting of a listed building.

DC/12/55261	Sandwell MBC Dawn Winter	Dawn Winter Sandwell MBC Cradley Heath Library 1A Upper High Street Cradley Heath.B64 5JU	Proposed single storey extension.

This is a Listed Building application.

DC/12/55253 Sandwell MBC	Sandwell MBC Dawn Winter	Sandwell MBC Cradley Heath Library 1A Upper High Street Cradley Heath. B64 5JU	Proposed single storey extension.

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE (between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

Mr Nick Bubalo
Area Director - Regeneration and Economy

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(A4031 TRINITY WAY AND HIGH STREET JUNCTION, WEST BROMWICH)
(PROHIBITION OF U-TURN) ORDER 2012

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and in consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, has made the following Order:-

1. To prohibit any vehicle making a U-turn in the gap in the central reservation when proceeding along the north-east bound carriageway of the A4031 Trinity Way towards The Expressway, West Bromwich at its junction with High Street.
2. The provisions of the Order shall not apply:-
   (a) in respect of anything being done with the permission or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform;
   (b) to anything done in accordance with the restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway by West Midlands Police;
   (c) to a vehicle when being used by the Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance Service.
3. A copy of the Order, a Statement of Reasons for Making the Order and a map showing the road affected may be inspected at the offices of the Area Director Streetscene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands during normal working hours.
4. The Order was made on the 1st November 2012, and shall come into operation on 5th November 2012.
5. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or that any Regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within 6 weeks of 1st November 2012 apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Dated this 1st day of November 2012
Neeraj Sharma
Head of Legal Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
(SERVICE AREA, WEST BROMWICH) ORDER 2012

The Borough Council of Sandwell ("the council") in exercise of its powers under Section 61 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and under the Road Traffic Act 1991 as amended (whether generally or in relation to the area of the council) ("the 1991 Act") has made an Order introducing the following:-

1. Loading only at any time for the service area to the rear of 151-165 High Street, West Bromwich.

A copy of the Order, a Statement of Reasons for making the Order and map showing the area affected may be examined at the offices of the Area Director of Streetscene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE between the hours of 8am - 5.30 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8am - 5pm on Fridays. A plan is also available to view on the council's website.

The Order was made on 1st November 2012, and shall come into operation on 5th November 2012.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not with the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of the Act or that any Regulation thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks from 1st November 2012, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Dated this 1st day of November 2012

S Handley
Area Director Streetscene
Sandwell Council House

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 2) (SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (NO.2) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell to allow resurfacing works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

The work will be carried out over four nights between 22:00 hours and 05:30 hours and is expected to start on Monday 12 November 2012. The Order will come into force on 5 November 2012.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route via M5 Junction 3 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Jessica Kenny on 0121 678 8010.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

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From the kick-off the Saints swept towards the Tividale goal and took the lead through Joseph Price, who beat the returning Tim Beech with a low right foot shot, stunning the healthy crowd.

The hosts recorded their second goal when Price followed up on a fine Beech save from a free kick to place the ball into the net.

Tividale could have gone even further behind when another swift break by the home side saw Daniel Tyman rattle the visitors' bar with a 20 yard shot.

The second half began with Tividale immediately attacking the Saints goal and they were rewarded for their efforts when Orlando Lewis slammed the ball home from 12 yards after a previous effort had crashed against the crossbar.

Tividale left empty-handed after the hosts made the final telling blow in the 88th minutes, despite a suspicion against Ryan Nash.

Missed chances so costly

Willenhall 6 Bustleholme 2

BUSTLEHOLME'S West Midlands League Premier Division woes continued as they crashed to defeat at fellow strugglers Willenhall.

The visitors wasted a number of early chances and paid the price when Jordan Siviter headed the hosts in front.

Jake Morgan quickly made it 2-0 with Ricky Nicholls adding a third before half-time.

Bustleholme reduced the arrears on 55 minutes through Chris Wattley.

But Willenhall were back in charge when Aaron Grey netted from close range.

Nicholls scored a stunning long-range effort to make it 5-1 before completing his hat-trick.

Adam Wattley scored a consolation for Bustleholme seven minutes from time.

Baggies midfielder Youssouf Mulumbu dives in to tackle Ben Arfa

Romelu Lukaku shoots as Davide Santon closes in

Garteh McAuley challenges Shola Ameobi

Baggies left reeling from late body blow

Newcastle 2 Albion 1

FOR the second week running Steve Clarke was left to pick his Albion players up off the floor after another late heartbreak.

Defeat at Newcastle in the third minute of stoppage time was tantamount to daylight robbery as Papiss Cisse grabbed a winner for the hosts that he knew little about.

And the latest cruel blow for Clarke and Co came just eight days after a last-gasp, and equally harsh, loss at home to Manchester City.

If Edin Dzeko's winner for City at The Hawthorns was a little telegraphed, Cisse's 93rd-minute goal at St James' Park was a total bolt from the blue.

Albion never saw the winner coming. And neither did Cisse, who felt Sammy Ameobi's late effort deflect off his back and watched in delight as it flew past a helpless Ben Foster to seal a barely believable win for Alan Pardew's men.

Inquest

The Magpies had dodged a bullet. Albion had been kicked in the guts. Again.

Lightening striking twice in two weekends will mean an inevitable inquest among Baggies coaches, players and fans as they begin the countdown to their return to action against Southampton next Monday.

Yet the post mortem should be brief and the conclusion should be clear. On Tyneside, Steve Clarke's men were simply the victims of a major injustice.

They were just about second best before half-time and, despite creating two fine chances, found themselves behind at half-way.

But their second-half performance was good enough to win most games with Romelu Lukaku bouncing back from his two earlier misses to head them level during a spell of total dominance.

Baggies front-runner Romelu Lukaku celebrates after equalising at St James' Park

When Cisse attempted to dodge Ameobi's angled shot and felt it flick off his body and past Foster, his was a look of disbelief.

Clarke bore an expression of incredulity. And little wonder after seeing his team lead last season's Premier League surprise package a merry dance for much of the second half. A draw would have been hard on Albion. Defeat was agonising.

It was the hosts who had the first real chance of the game when Shola Ameobi found space on the right and delivered a fine cross to the far post, where Demba Ba sent a header just wide.

And Foster had to be alert in Albion's goal to palm away a 25-yard effort from Davide Santon after the Baggies half-cleared a corner.

But it was the visitors who should have gone ahead midway through the half against the run of play when James Morrison displayed composure on the edge of a crowded Baggies penalty area to feed Graham Dorrans and spark a counter-attack. Dorrans raced away and slid a pass to Lukaku, who was denied by Tim Krul's excellent save.

The hosts had dominated possession for much of the opening half, but it was a 'route one' attack that brought them the opening goal as the Baggies failed to deal with a rudimentary goal-kick.

Gareth McAuley challenged with Ameobi for Krul's clearance but could only manage a flick-on for Ba, who produced an emphatic finish past Foster.

Albion were on the back-foot but they should have levelled before the break with Lukaku again thwarted by Krul.

This time the big Belgian should have done better, latching onto Youssouf Mulumbu's clever through-ball and racing clear, only to send a weak effort too close to Krul.

The Baggies had been second best for much of the first half despite carving out two fine chances, but Albion began the second period in positive fashion and had the ball in the net within two minutes when Lukaku deflected home Mulumbu's cross-shot, only to be flagged for offside.

There were no such worries eight minutes later as the Belgian striker played his part in an excellent move before finishing it.

Snatched

The big targetman headed Mulumbu's raking crossfield pass into the path of Zoltan Gera then peeled away to the far post to head home the Hungarian's floated cross and send the 1,400 travelling fans into raptures.

Lukaku lasted for just another 10 minutes before making way for Long, but his work for the day was done with time to spare. Albion could have snatched a second goal when Gera's free-kick from the left flew inches away from the onrushing McAuley.

They had an even better chance when Odemwingie raced down the right and crossed to the near post, where Long saw his shot smothered by Krul.

But the final sting in the tail came deep into stoppage time when Cisse tried to evade substitute Sammy Ameobi's effort and somehow left Clarke needing pick his chin off the floor again.

If last week was cruel, this was heartbreaking.

Tipton are too good for Star

Tipton Town 4
Continental Star 0

TIPTON proved too strong for lowly Star as they bagged three Midland Alliance points.

The hosts piled on the pressure with Nigel Penney and Lewis Haycock both going close before striker Karl Edwards opened the scoring.

He had already screwed one chance wide but when a long ball was played into the Star goal area he scuffed a shot into the net under the diving Gavin Ellis.

Things got worse for the visitors and Ellis when the keeper was outjumped by Richard Huckfield who headed the bal into the net.

The second half saw Star come out fighting and push Town back but create few chances.

Huckfield increased Tipton's advantage when he rose unmarked to head home a Tom Tonks corner.

Star kept battling and Davion Hamilton saw his shot from the edge of the area sail inches over the Town crossbar.

On 83 minutes, Hamilton stung the palms of Jack Hayfield in the Town goal with a fierce shot.

But the hosts had the final say when Graham Ashton fired home a free-kick to round off the scoring.

Albion hit by Reading fightback

Albion Under-21s 3
Reading Under-21s 3

ALBION'S second string had to be content with a point after squandering a two-goal lead.

Albion were ahead inside two minutes when Adil Nabi coolly side-stepped a defender before firing into the top corner.

The Royals were level as Dominic Samuel forced home an ugly-looking shot.

The Baggies restored their lead on 61 minutes when Romaine Sawyers bent a shot past Jonathan Henly.

And it was 3-1 six minutes later when Sam Mantom's powerful shot was parried by Henly and Kemar Roofe netted the rebound.

But two goals in as many minutes drew Reading level.

Charlie Losasso's 80th-minute free-kick made it 3-2 and then Samuel advanced to the edge of the box before blasting home.

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Pair fight their way into the nationals

JACK Wood and Ryan Wall kept alive Wednesbury Amateur Boxing Club's hopes of success in the ABA Novice and Clubs for Young People competitions.

Both were crowned Midlands champions in their respective tournaments and move on to the national stages. But club-mates Callum Lewin, Kashif Khan and Jake Doody all went out of the CYP tournament while Christopher Ellis, of Windmill ABC, exited the Novices.

Warley's Ahmad Mahazi and Thomas Howell, of William Perry ABC, Tipton, were also ruled out of further CYP contention.

Five judges sided with Wall for Saturday's fight against late replacement, Luke Owen, of Stamford at 75kg in Class A – boxers who have had 10 fights or under.

Bouts

Ellis, however, suffered a unanimous loss in Class B – for 20 bouts or under – against Royal Oak ABC's Lee Harrison at 86kg.

The next day, Lewin stepped into the ring for Wednesbury for Class A – boxers born in 1996 – competing at 54kg against Phoenix ABC's Bradley Daws but slipped to defeat.

Khan followed in Class A at 60kg and fought valiantly against Kingsheath foe Kieran Conway.

In Class B – for fighters born in 1995 – Wood's class told as he comfortably saw off Aston's Iyzac Ali Aston to win the Midlands title at 54kg. Following him at 57kg in Class B was club-mate Doody, who lost a close fight to Earl Shilton's Callum Blockley to go out.

Howell paid for a slow start as he lost a split decision against Kettering School of Boxing's Jed Wilson at Class C – for boxers born in 1993-94 – at 71kg.

Lions show their bite

TIPTON YOUTH LIONS UNDER-9S bagged a positive return from their latest Walsall League double-header.

Dylan Jones grabbed a late equaliser to earn Lions a 1-1 draw in their top of the table clash with Real Bloxwich.

Lions went on to win their second game against Wednesfield 5-1. Goals from and 2 from Josh Langford (2), Kai Bevin, Lewis Foster and Jones were on target.

Heathens chief Pearson dishes out the praise

Dudley Heathens

CHAIRMAN Nigel Pearson has praised everyone connected with Dudley Heathens – despite their play-off final heartbreak.

The former Cradley club missed out on National League glory by a single point under controversial circumstances last week – but Pearson has still expressed his gratitude to those who have helped them make 2012 so memorable.

"I'd just like to praise everyone connected with the club," he said. "First of all every single rider who has represented us this year. They have worn the race jacket with pride, they know what it means to wear the famous hammer.

"I think Will (Pottinger) and Jan O (Pedersen) have formed a good partnership in the management team. Jan O has worked well with the youngsters in bringing them on, and Will has done a good job with tactics.

"I want to praise all the track staff at Wolverhampton Speedway. They give up their time and it's very much appreciated.

"Wolverhampton Speedway as much as anyone have played their part in bringing Heathens back on track.

"The Supporters' Club, have been a massive support to the Heathens management and riders. HSCC were one of the major reasons why we decided three years ago to take the plunge and go into league racing because of the work they have done and never giving up.

"We also have to say thank you to our main team sponsors and our club partners.

"But above all that, the supporters are fantastic. We owe it to them to make the right choices for the future.

"Our fans have turned out in massive numbers. It's been a difficult year for British speedway, but we have upped our average attendance."

There has been much talk about Heathens making the step up to the Premier League.

However, Pearson admits they are still undecided but will ensure they make a decision with the best interests of the club at heart.

He said: "We are going to see what the BSPA AGM holds. If we are to consider Premier League membership we need to be sure that it's financially viable."

Fans can offer their views on the way forward with Pearson on the panel at a forum on Thursday, November 8, alongside co-promoters Van Straaten and Gary Patchett at Cradley Heath Liberal Club.

BAGGIES BACKED TO BOUNCE BACK

ALBION keeper Ben Foster insists morale remians intact as they prepare for Monday night's Hawthorns clash with Southampton.

The Baggies' bright start to the season has been dented by back-to-back defeats at the hands of Manchester City and Newcastle.

Both games have concluded with Albion's opponents bagging underserved stoppage time winner, but Foster believes Albion's character shone through at St James' Park on Sunday and will do so against the Saints.

by Steve Madeley

"We showed that we have spirit," said Foster. "We deserved to get at least a point if not three against Manchester City and to bounce back as we did at Newcastle, against a very good team, shows that it won't get us down.

"We will keep on playing the way we know we can.

"The gaffer said in the changing rooms that as long as we keep on playing like that we will win a lot more games than we lose.

"And he is damn right.

Hustled

"We've got to look to the next game now and Southampton on Monday night is a game we would expect to get something from with the way we've been playing.

"We played really well against City and then again at Newcastle and Southampton will know they've been in a game.

"We hustled and harassed Newcastle and didn't give them a second on the ball and we've just got to put Newcastle us and move on."

Boss Steve Clarke is backing his side to bounce back from the defeats and he called on Albion to make Southampton feel their frustration on Monday.

"We've just got to take all the frustrations of the last two weeks and channel it into the next game," he said.

"We have to try to make sure we get a positive result there.

"We've now got to dust ourselves down, look forward to the next game and try to take our frustrations out on Southampton.

"With a bit more luck, we could have more points than we have. In fact, we should have even more points. To be stuck on 14 points after these last two games is cruel. It's not fair.

"But we have to move on."

Skipper Chris Brunt is targeting a Premier League comeback against the Saints next week after making a successful return from injury in the reserves midweek draw with Reading.

"Fingers crossed I'll be fit enough to face Southampton," said Brunt, who played for 61 minutes.

"It's down to the gaffer and what he thinks from this week's training. But it would be nice to get involved again."

■ Albion have cut prices for the televised clash with Southampton to £15 adults, £10 pensioners, under-21s and students and £5 for under-17s.

Olympian drops in to help boxers' preparation

Olympic boxer Bradley Saunders, centre, joins some of the young hopefuls at Wodensborough ABC

OLYMPIAN Bradley Saunders put a spring in the step of fighters at Wodensborough Amateur Boxing Club by popping in, ***writes Craig Birch.***

Saunders was in Team GB at the 2008 Beijing Games and was a European champion as an amateur, before turning pro in February.

The 26-year-old, fighting in Manchester on November 30, sparred in the area to prepare. He also visited Wodensborough's temporary home on Redwood Road, Yew Tree Estate.

Members next club show, with eight fighting, is at the Charlemont Bowling Club, West Bromwich, tonight.

They were put through their paces by Bradley, who also spoke at the club, and club coaches Steve O'Rourke, Mark Farrow and Tony Wilson.

O'Rourke said: "Bradley is a pal of mine and got in touch with me as he was down here preparing for his upcoming fight.

"He did a session with us and took a look at the kids through a bit of coaching, with some pad work and so on.

"He's an Olympian and winner of 16 national titles throughout his amateur career, the kids loved having him there.

"It was nice to have somebody of his calibre around the gym and that he took time out to come here.

"He had a talk with the kids about technique and the importance of training hard, they took it on board.

"Bradley will be popping back in a couple of weeks to see how our show went and how they boxed. He thinks, potentially, we have got some good kids, he liked their dedication and determination."

League ponders change

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE cricket could be set for a new format next summer.

The league is weighing up a change in playing regulations that would see sides play a number of games on a 50-over win or lose basis while the remaining matches would be played under the current rules which factor in winning and losing draws.

The format has proved a success in the Essex and Southern Premier Leagues.

Further talks are planned with club officials at a Birmingham League cricket sub-committee meeting on Monday.

The format would see the first five and last six games of the season played over 50-overs, with bowlers restricted to a maximum of 10 overs, and the 11 fixtures in between played under current league rules. Each side will play each other once under both formats.

"The idea has got some legs," said Birmingham League general manager Nick Archer. "It has been implemented by two or three other Premier Leagues elsewhere in the country in the last few years.

"At a recent meeting with players and captains from Premier and Division One teams there was a lot of enthusiasm for the idea. They were the ones who broached the subject.

"There are still a few issues to be sorted out such as a points system and whether to introduce powerplays.

"If the clubs decide they want to try a new format then I think we need to look at it on a trial basis over a couple of years. I don't think you can gauge anything over a single season, especially if we have weather similar to last summer."

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